

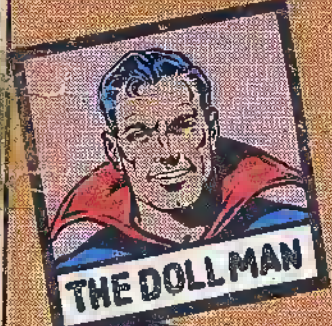


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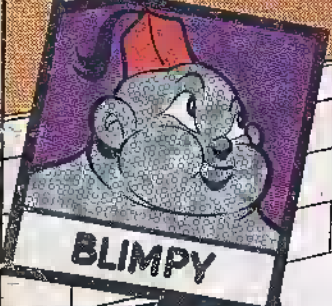
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THE DOLL MAN



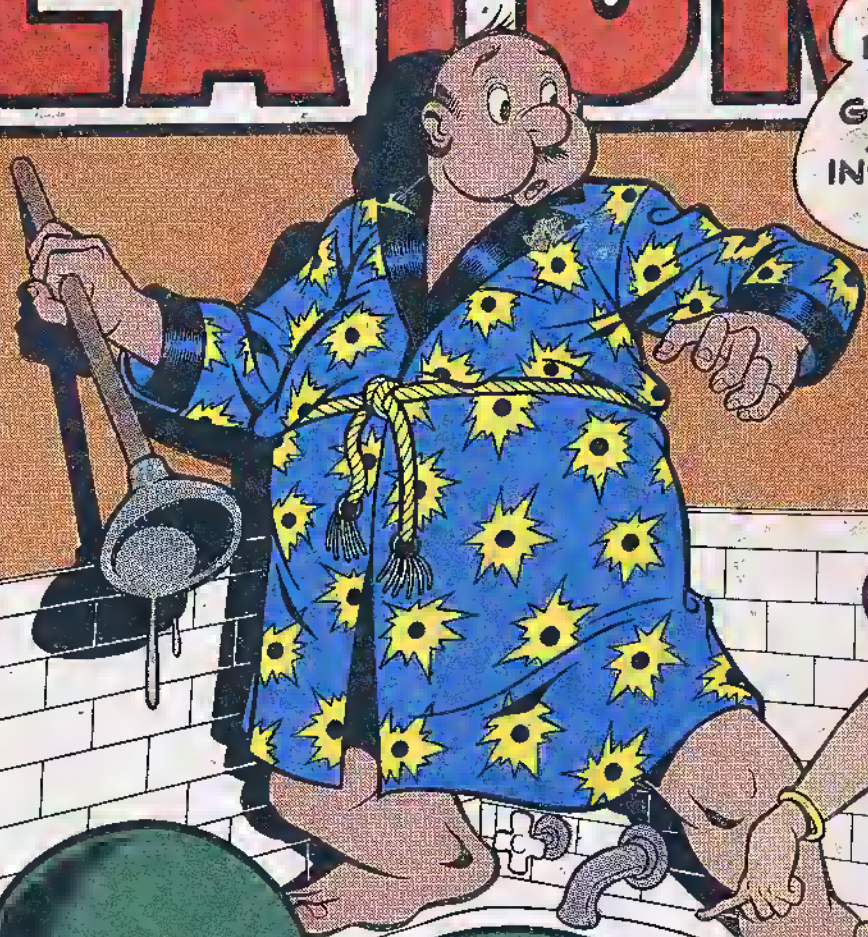
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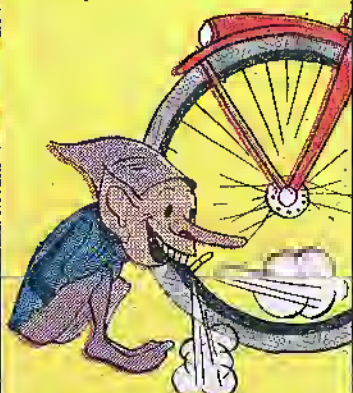
I TOLD YOU TO FIX THAT DRAIN, VINCENT. NOW YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A HARPOON INSTEAD OF A PLUNGER!

GILL
FOX

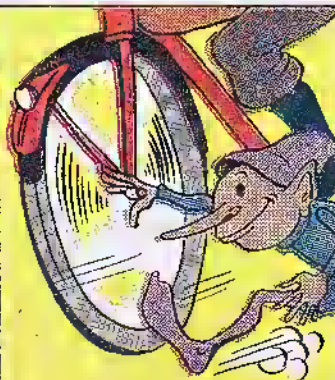
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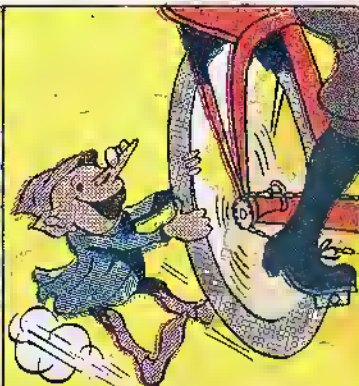
They'll get your bike if you don't watch out!



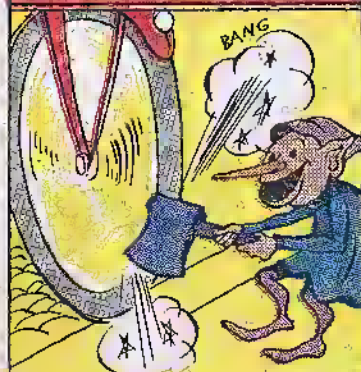
**The more he lets air leak out,
The faster tires will wear out.
(Check your tires regularly)**



**This is the one who likes you
to speed. He'll ruin your bike
if you don't pay heed.
(Don't ride fast)**



**This is the one who laughs with glee, when you don't use your coaster carefully.
(Don't slam your brakes on)**



He hides behind each curb and rock. To hit your bouncing bike a sock.

(Avoid bruising tires)



This Saboteur's shimmy is death on wheels. The more the wobble the better he feels.

(Keep cone tight)

**To foil these Saboteurs,
see the bicycle man regu-
larly. He'll help to keep
your bicycle rolling.**



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THE DOLL MAN

AND THE DIARY OF DEATH!



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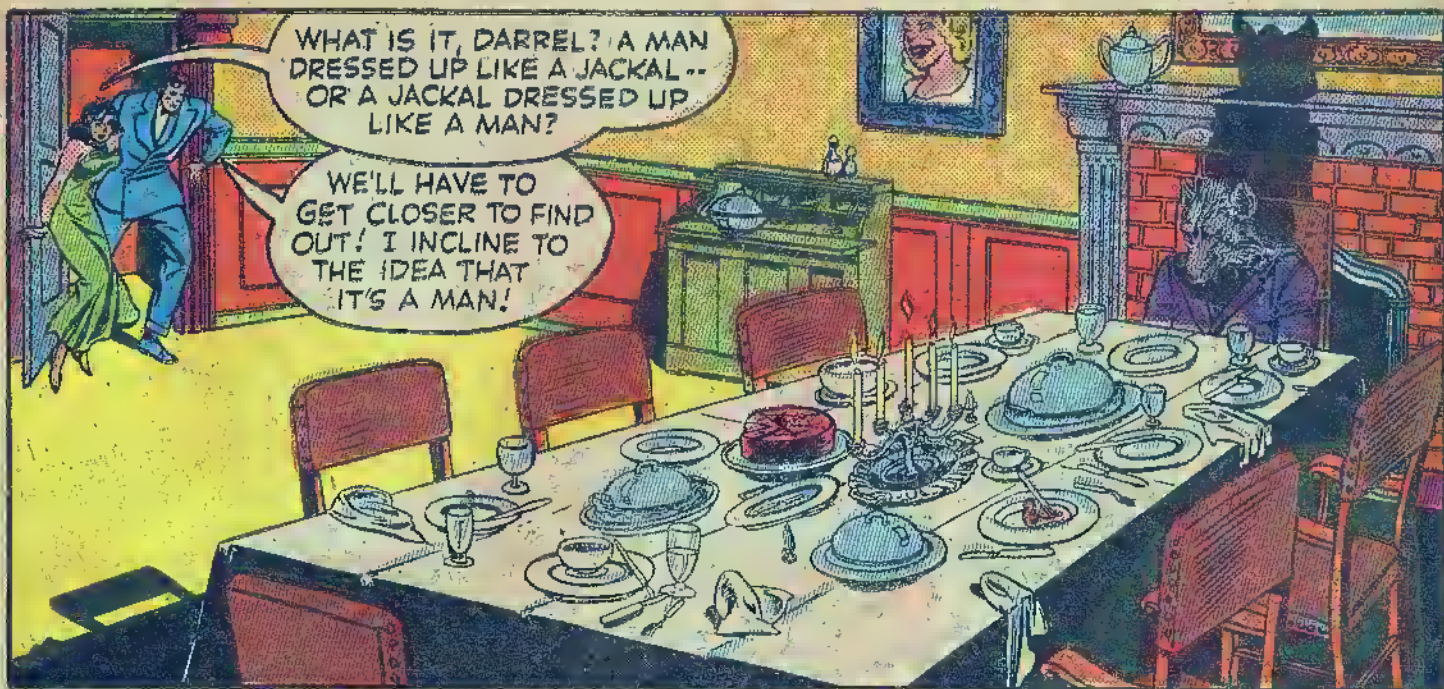
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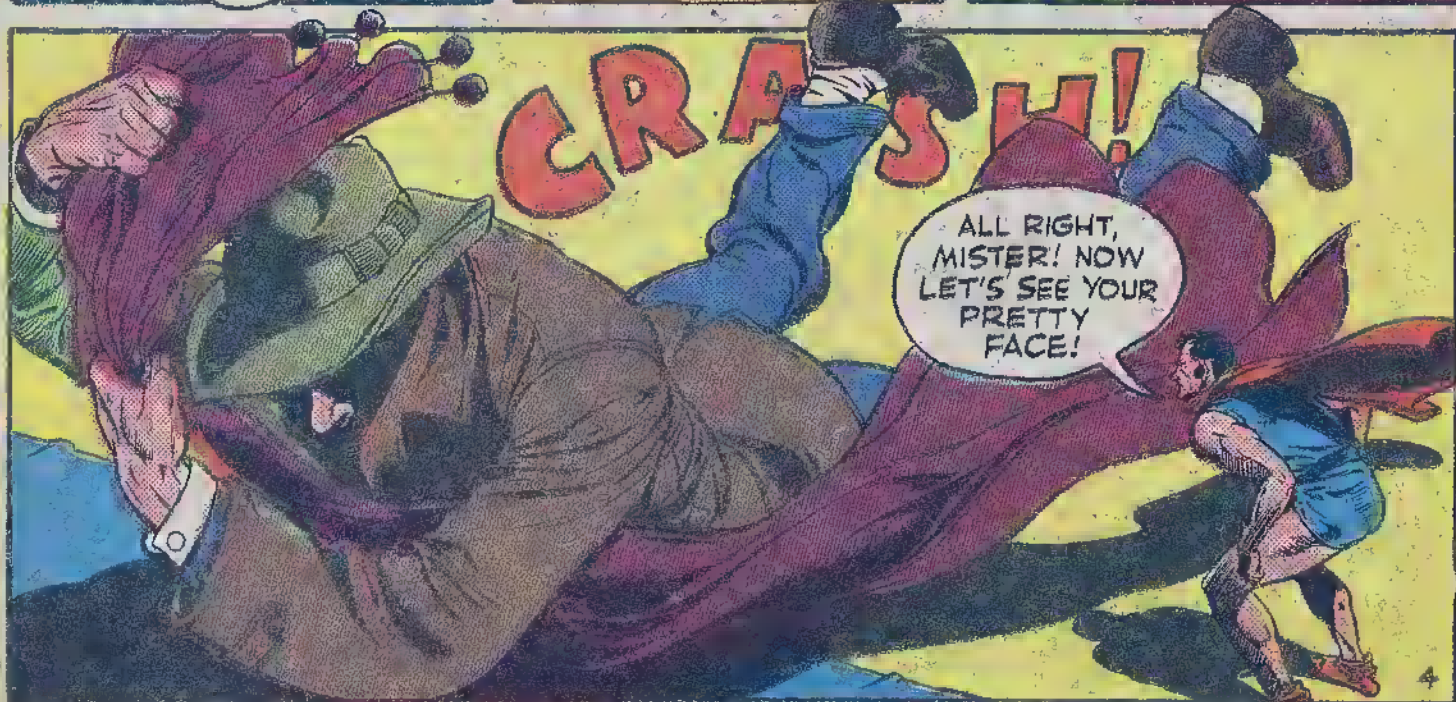
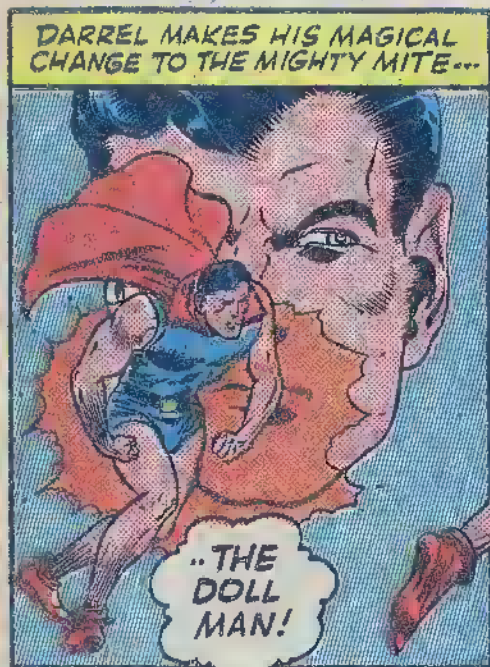
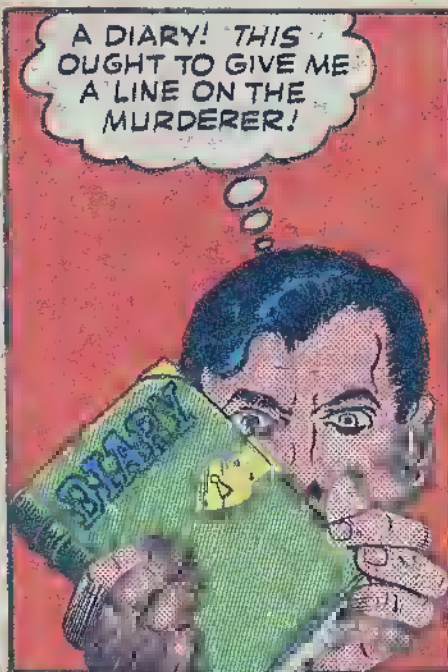
This cursed African
heat... the filth and
stench of this horrible
native prison but...
they are all more than
I can stand! My nerves
are giving way and worse
than the physical torture
is the fear that I am
going insane... but that
is exactly what the
black hearted fiend who
brought me to this place
must want...

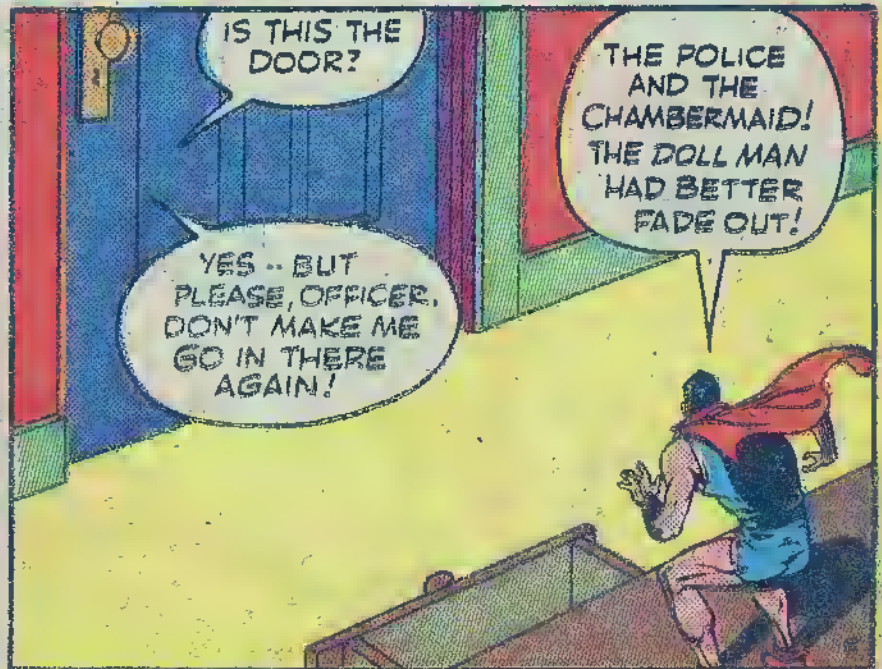
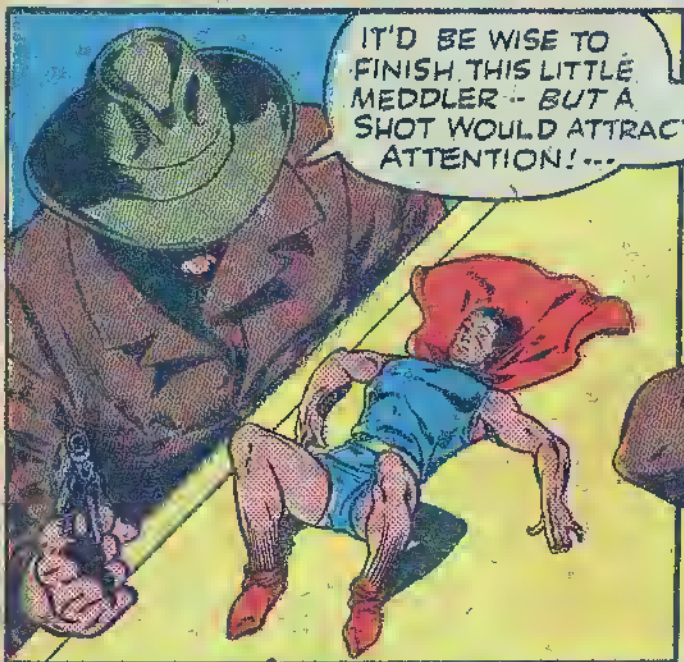
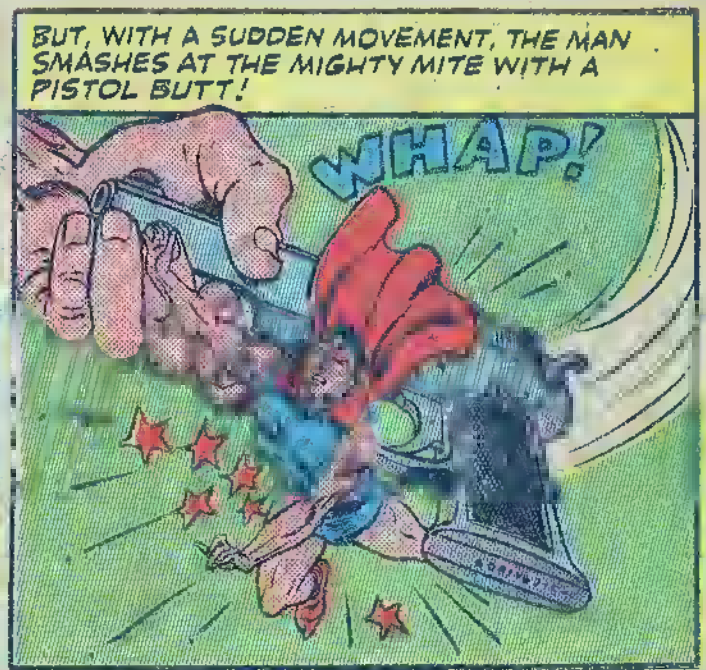
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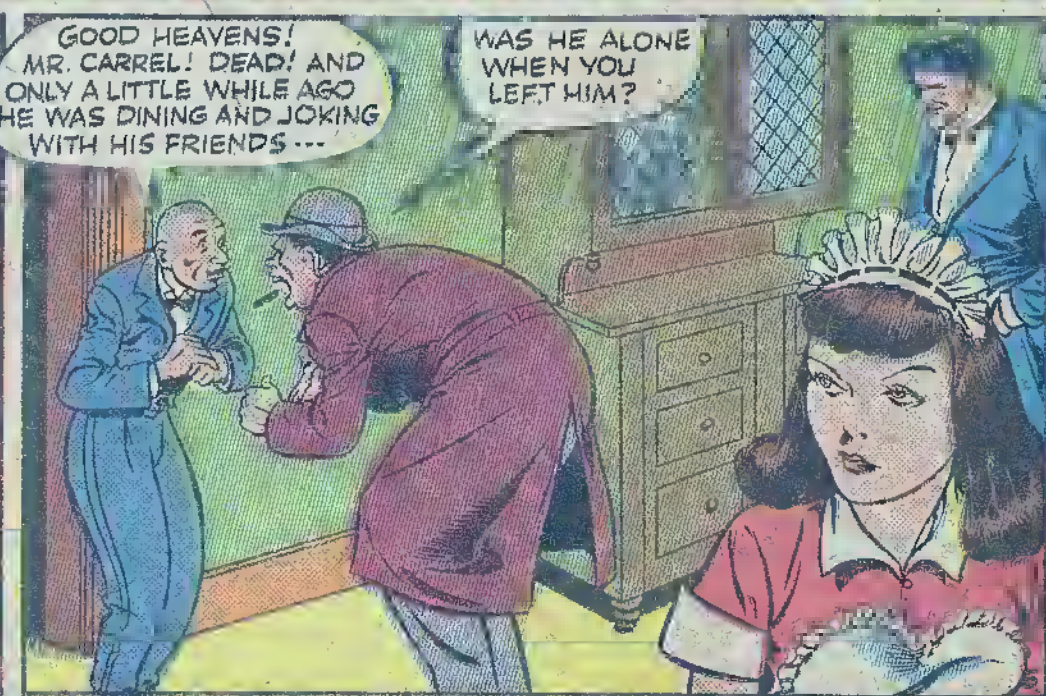
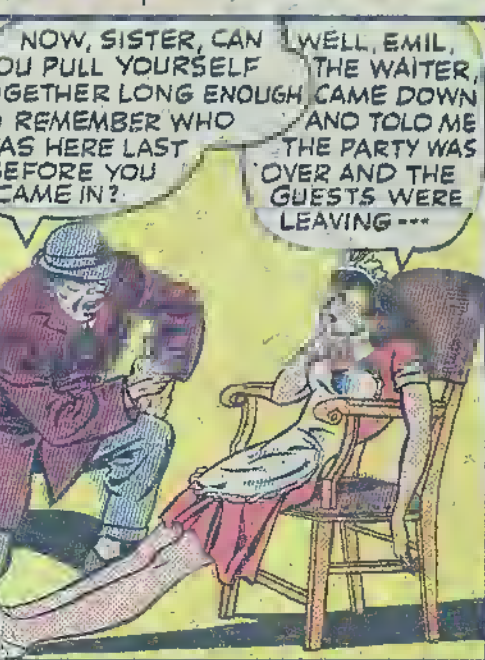
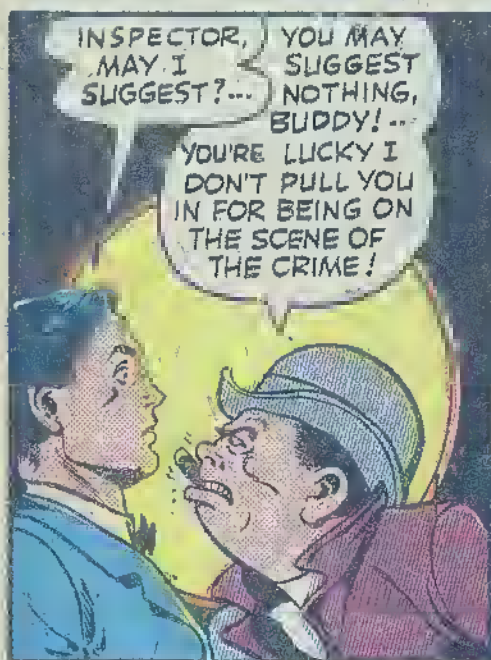
For his is the soul of a
jackal and he is too
cowardly to kill me
out right! I must not
allow my mind to give
way! The cursed
jackal shall not have
his victory and this
awful agony shall
be avenged!

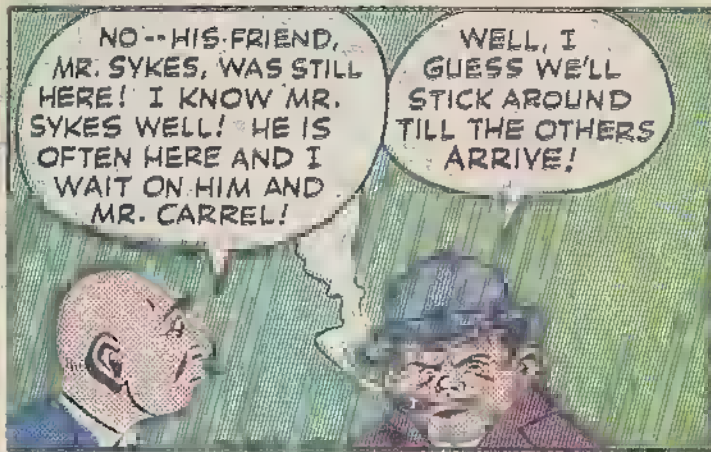






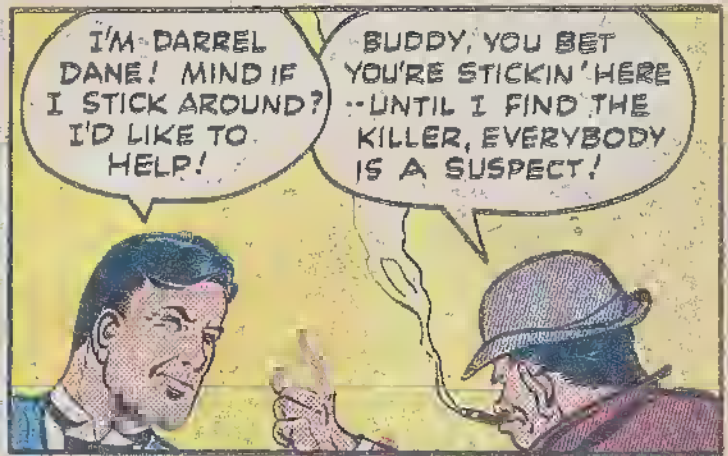






NO--HIS FRIEND, MR. SYKES, WAS STILL HERE! I KNOW MR. SYKES WELL! HE IS OFTEN HERE AND I WAIT ON HIM AND MR. CARREL!

WELL, I GUESS WE'LL STICK AROUND TILL THE OTHERS ARRIVE!



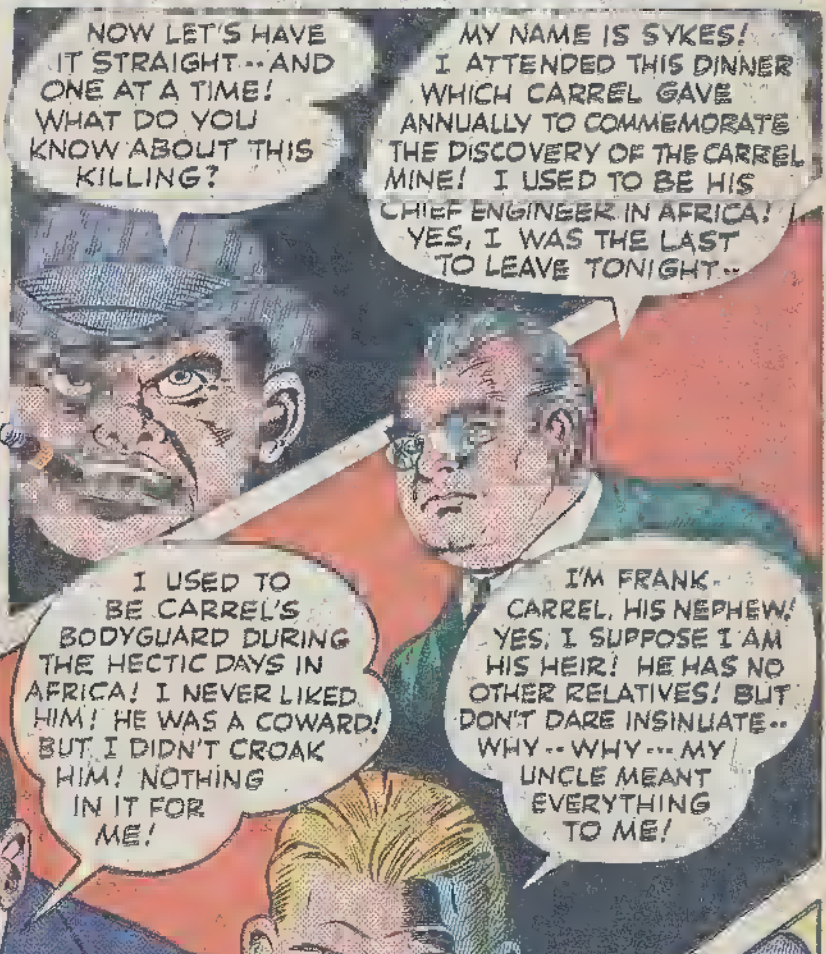
I'M DARREL DANE! MIND IF I STICK AROUND? I'D LIKE TO HELP!

BUDDY, YOU BET YOU'RE STICKIN' HERE --UNTIL I FIND THE KILLER, EVERYBODY IS A SUSPECT!



A LITTLE WHILE LATER...

HERE THEY ARE, CHIEF-- THE WHOLE FLOCK OF 'EM!

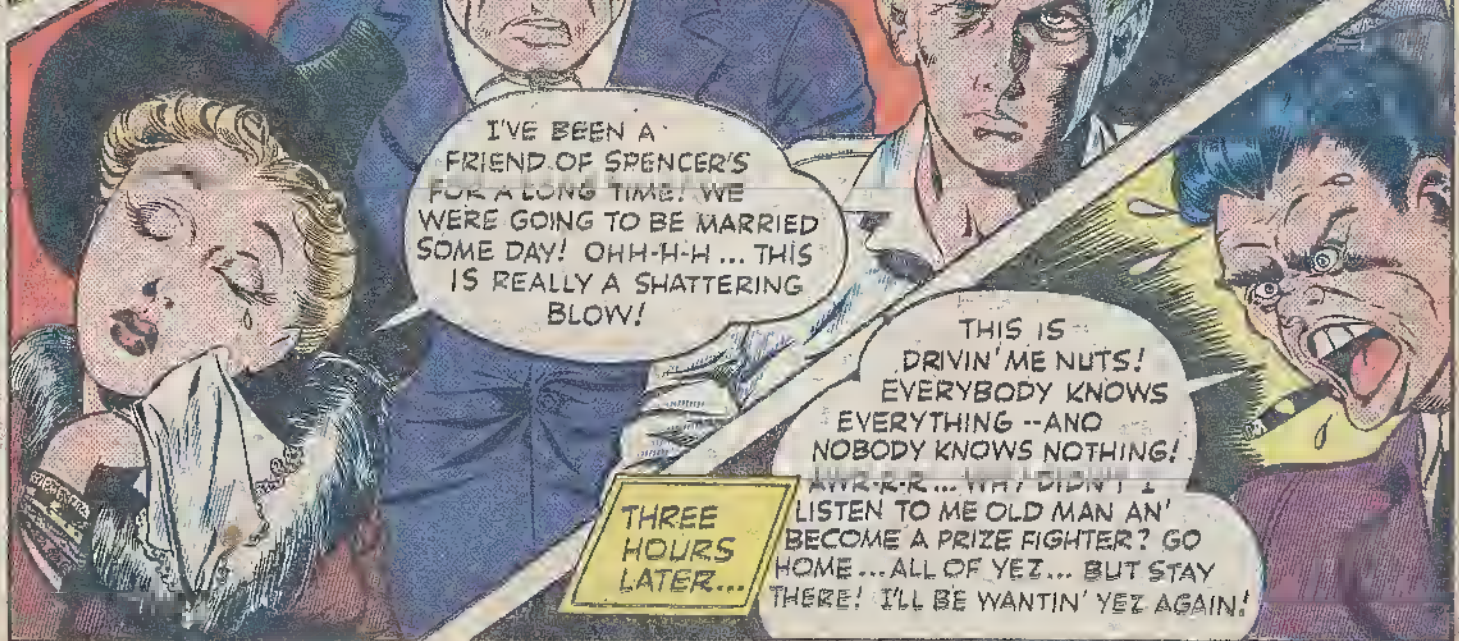


NOW LET'S HAVE IT STRAIGHT--AND ONE AT A TIME! WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS KILLING?

MY NAME IS SYKES! I ATTENDED THIS DINNER WHICH CARREL GAVE ANNUALLY TO COMMEMORATE THE DISCOVERY OF THE CARREL MINE! I USED TO BE HIS CHIEF ENGINEER IN AFRICA! YES, I WAS THE LAST TO LEAVE TONIGHT--

I USED TO BE CARREL'S BODYGUARD DURING THE HECTIC DAYS IN AFRICA! I NEVER LIKED HIM! HE WAS A COWARD! BUT I DIDN'T CROAK HIM! NOTHING IN IT FOR ME!

I'M FRANK CARREL, HIS NEPHEW! YES, I SUPPOSE I AM HIS HEIR! HE HAS NO OTHER RELATIVES! BUT DON'T DARE INSINUATE-- WHY--WHY--MY UNCLE MEANT EVERYTHING TO ME!

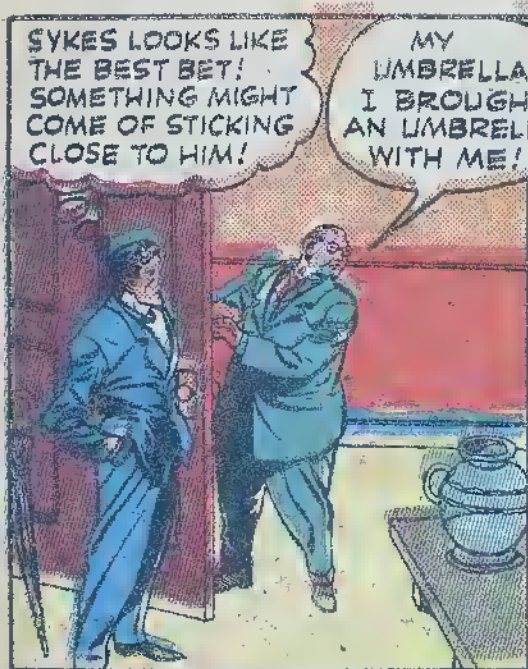


I'VE BEEN A FRIEND OF SPENCER'S FOR A LONG TIME! WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED SOME DAY! OHH-H-H... THIS IS REALLY A SHATTERING BLOW!

THIS IS DRIVIN' ME NUTS! EVERYBODY KNOWS EVERYTHING--AND NOBODY KNOWS NOTHING!

WHY--WHY--WHY DIDN'T I LISTEN TO ME OLD MAN AN' BECOME A PRIZE FIGHTER? GO HOME...ALL OF YEZ... BUT STAY THERE! I'LL BE WANTIN' YEZ AGAIN!

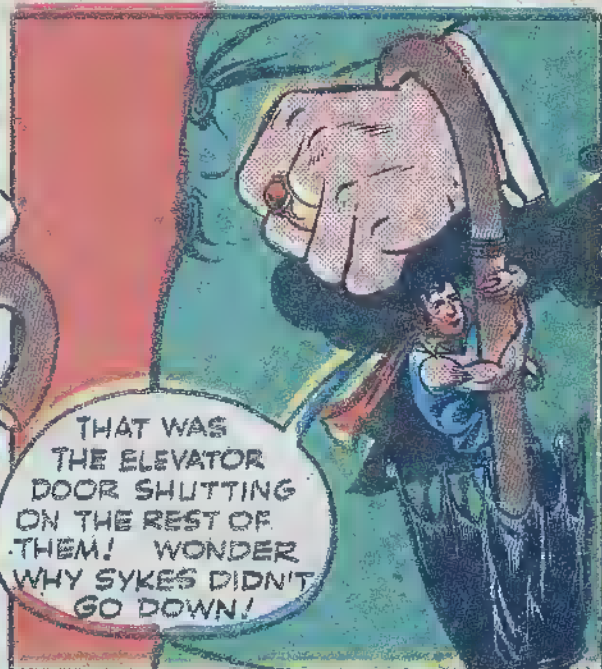
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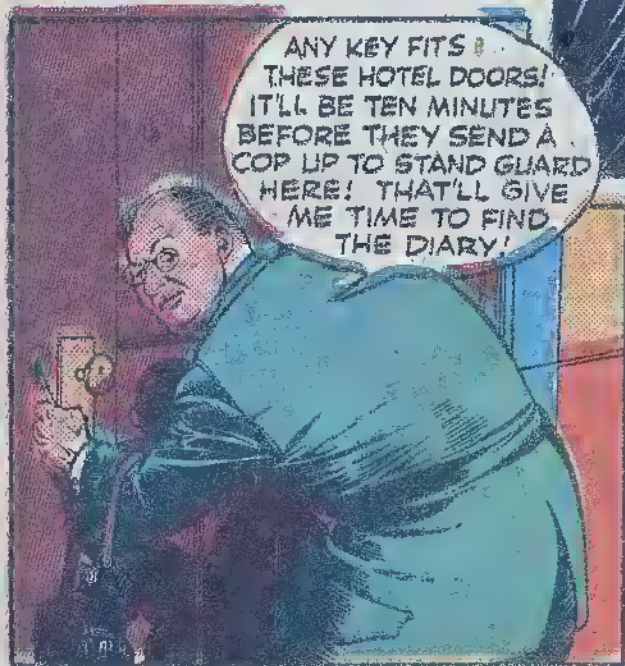
MY UMBRELLA! I BROUGHT AN UMBRELLA WITH ME!

BUT DARREL HAS BECOME MIGHTY DOLL MAN AND PREPARES FOR A FREE RIDE!

NOTHING COULD BE MORE CONVENIENT, MR. SYKES!



THAT WAS THE ELEVATOR DOOR SHUTTING ON THE REST OF THEM! WONDER WHY SYKES DIDN'T GO DOWN!



ANY KEY FITS THESE HOTEL DOORS! IT'LL BE TEN MINUTES BEFORE THEY SEND A COP UP TO STAND GUARD HERE! THAT'LL GIVE ME TIME TO FIND THE DIARY!

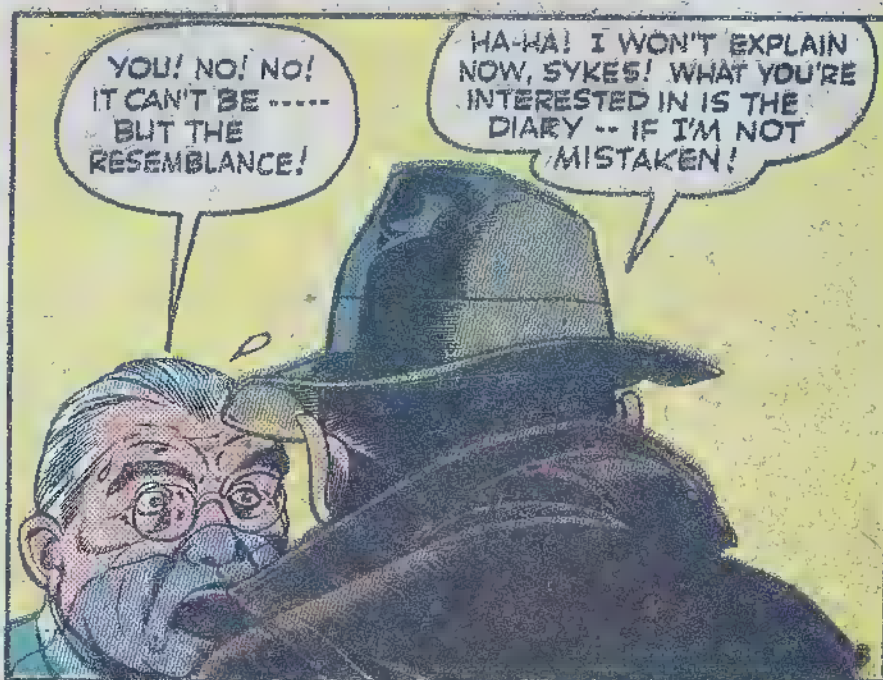


STRANGE!.. IT ISN'T HERE!



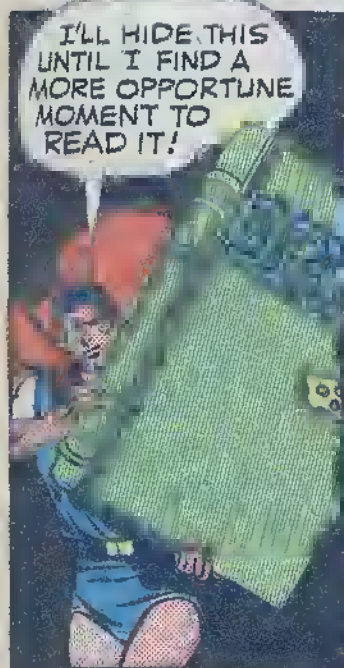
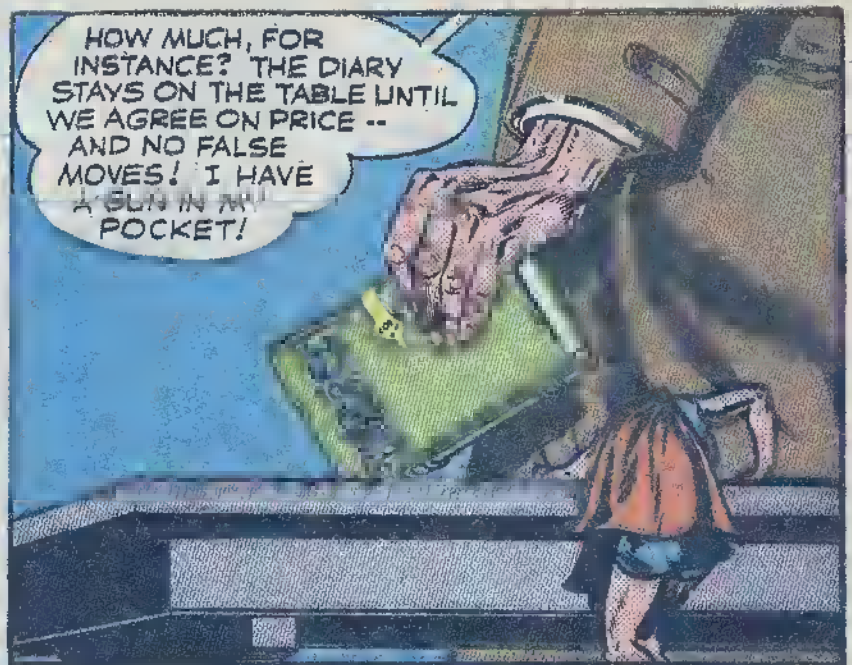
SUDDENLY... LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, SYKES?

WH-- WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?



YOU! NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE ----- BUT THE RESEMBLANCE!

HA-HA! I WON'T EXPLAIN NOW, SYKES! WHAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN IS THE DIARY -- IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN!





DROP THAT GUN, YOU MADMAN! I DIDN'T TOUCH IT!

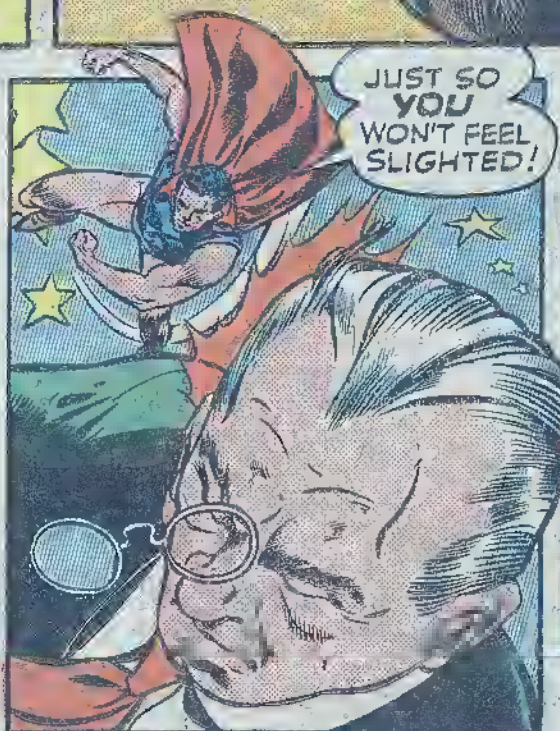


HOPE I'M NOT BUTTING IN ON A PRIVATE FIGHT!

THE DOLL MAN!



THE MYSTERY MAN GOES DOWN!



JUST SO YOU WON'T FEEL SLIGHTED!



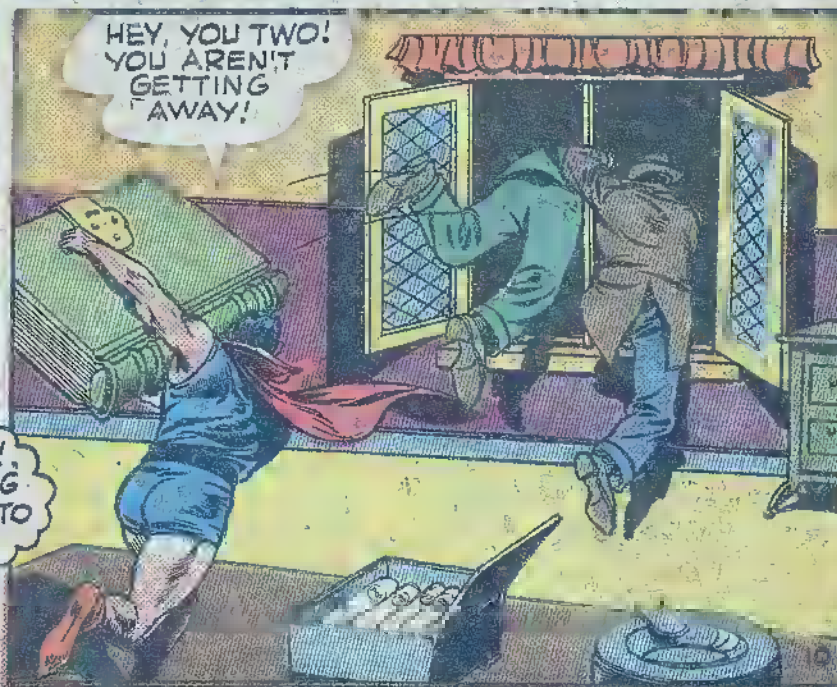
THOSE TWO OUGHT TO STAY PUT UNTIL I HAVE A LOOK-SEE AT THE DIARY AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT!



IN THERE, O'TOOLE! AND DON'T LET ANYONE ELSE IN! ... UNDERSTAND?

RIGHT, SERGEANT!

THE POLICE! THIS IS GOING TO BE HARD TO EXPLAIN!

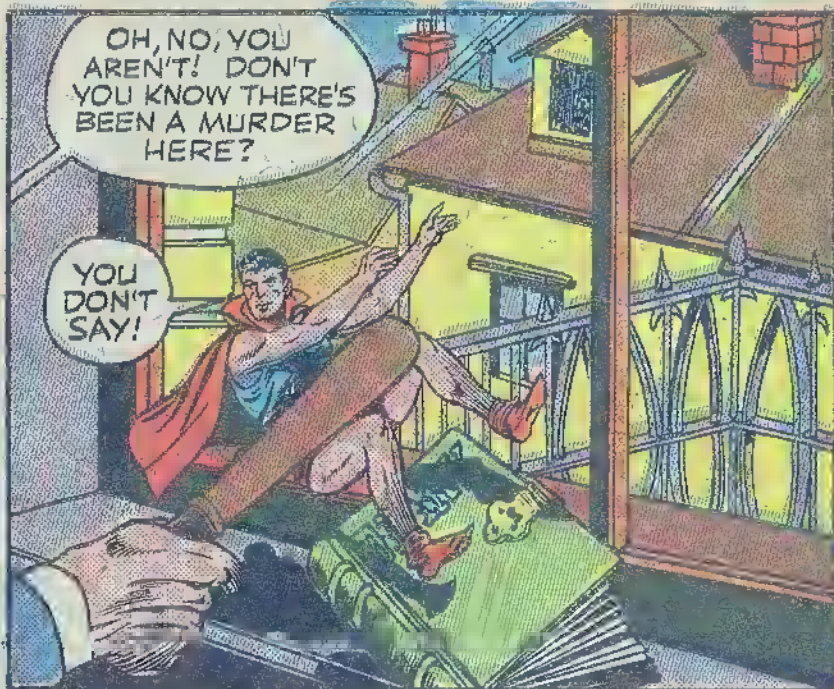


HEY, YOU TWO! YOU AREN'T GETTING AWAY!



DOLL MAN!
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

I WAS
JUST
LEAVING!



OH, NO, YOU
AREN'T! DON'T
YOU KNOW THERE'S
BEEN A MURDER
HERE?

YOU
DON'T
SAY!



SOMEBODY
OUGHT TO REPORT
THE MURDER,
OFFICER!
AND I'M
STILL
LEAVING!



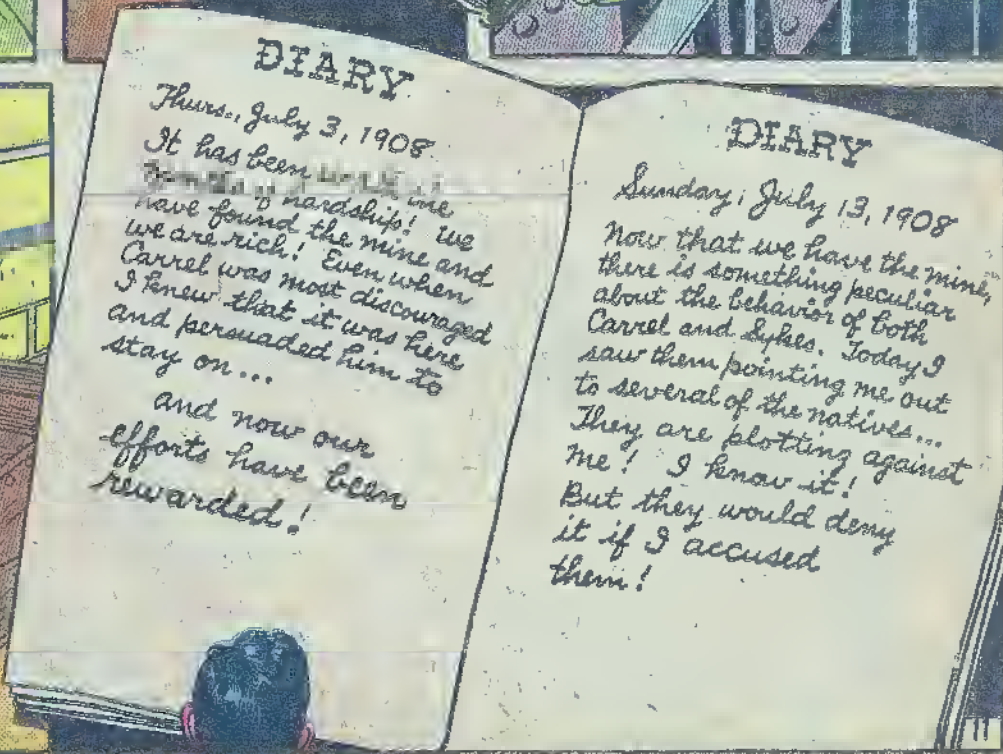
HE HELD ME UP
LONG ENOUGH TO
LET THOSE TWO
GET AWAY!



I'LL LOOK INTO
THIS DIARY WHEN
I GET TO THE
ALLEY!



HMMM!
VERY
INTERESTING!



DIARY

Thurs., July 3, 1908

It has been a long time since we have found the mine and we are rich! Even when Carrel was most discouraged I knew that it was here and persuaded him to stay on...

and now our efforts have been rewarded!

DIARY

Sunday, July 13, 1908

Now that we have the mine, there is something peculiar about the behavior of both Carrel and Lykes. Today I saw them pointing me out to several of the natives... They are plotting against me! I know it! But they would deny it if I accused them!

I knew they were going to do it, and yesterday it happened! I was coming out of the mine when I saw Carrel and Sykes standing with the natives. Carrel gave the signal and the natives seized me!...



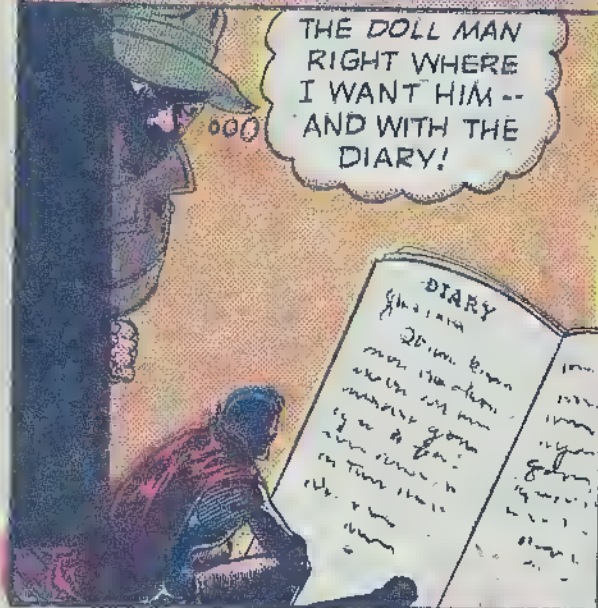
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, YOU JACKAL! THE LAW WILL MAKE YOU PAY!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YOU'LL ROT HERE - AND THE LAW WILL NEVER BE THE WISER! THE MINE BELONGS TO ME AND ME ALONE!

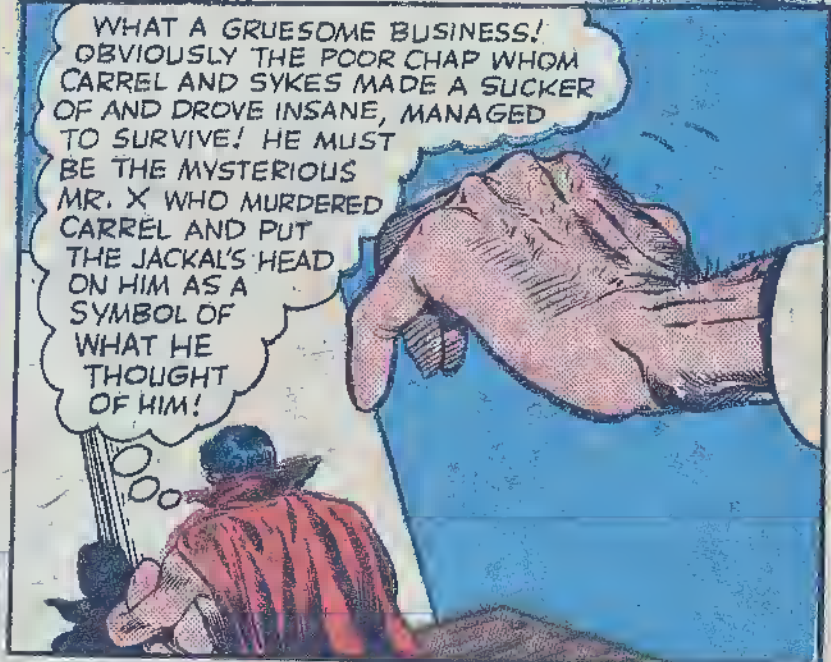


BUT AS THE DOLL MAN READS ON...

THE DOLL MAN RIGHT WHERE I WANT HIM -- AND WITH THE DIARY!



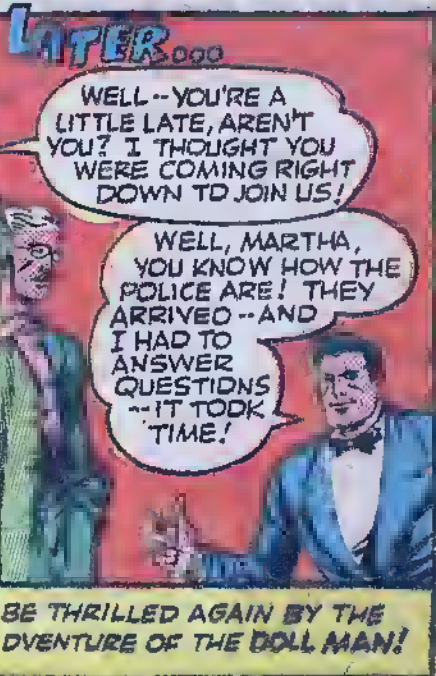
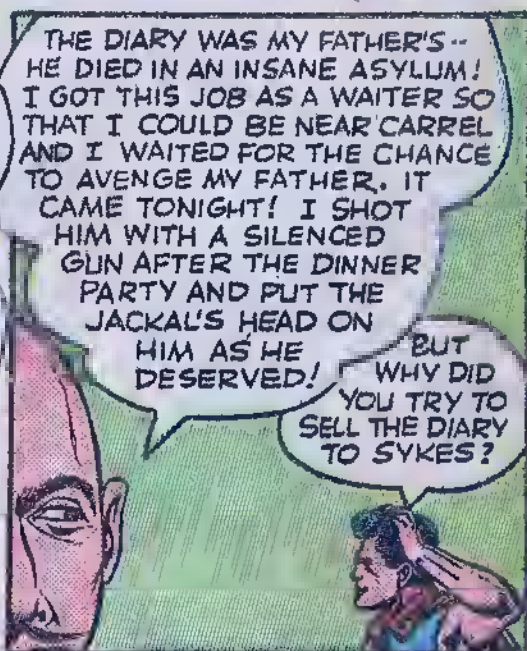
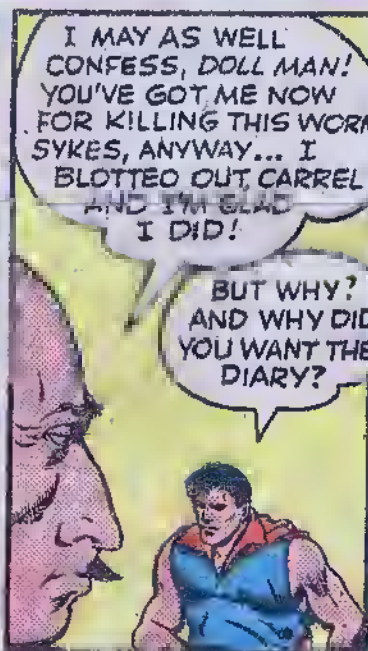
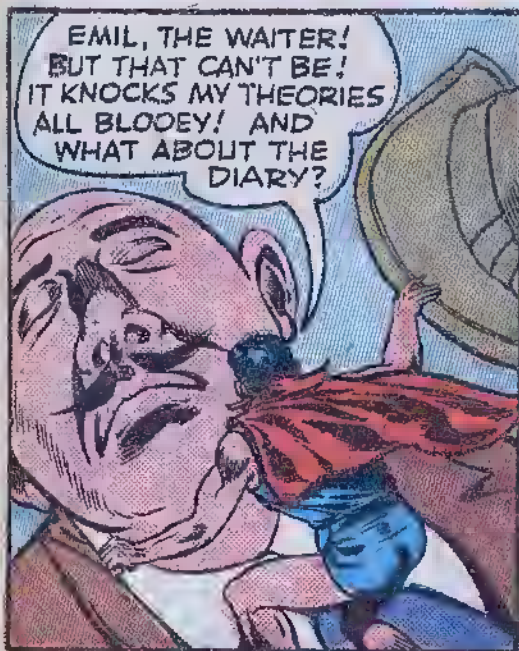
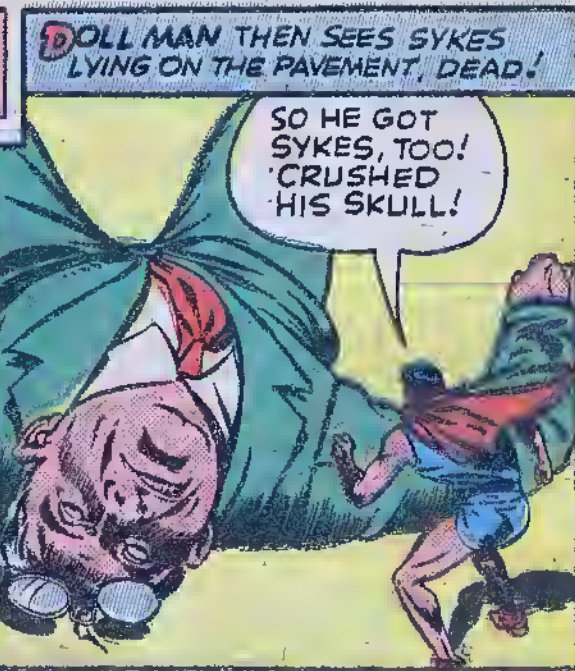
WHAT A GRUESOME BUSINESS! OBVIOUSLY THE POOR CHAP WHOM CARREL AND SYKES MADE A SUCKER OF AND DROVE INSANE, MANAGED TO SURVIVE! HE MUST BE THE MYSTERIOUS MR. X WHO MURDERED CARREL AND PUT THE JACKAL'S HEAD ON HIM AS A SYMBOL OF WHAT HE THOUGHT OF HIM!



WHOEVER'S BEHIND ME DOESN'T KNOW HE'S CASTING A SHADOW... AND IT'S GOING TO BE HIS DOWNFALL!

SEEMS TO ME I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE ONCE BEFORE... OR WAS IT TWICE?





YOU'LL BE THRILLED AGAIN BY THE NEXT ADVENTURE OF THE DOLL MAN!

YOU'RE FIRED!
WHAT CAN A
SILLY HYPNOTIST
DO AROUND A
CIRCUS ANYWAY?

Big Top

I'LL SHOW YOU
WHAT HE CAN
DO--YOU NOW
THINK YOU'RE
BUTCH, THE
CLOWN!

YIPPEE!
I'LL LAY 'EM
IN THE AISLES!

HEH! I JUST
HYPNOTIZED
THE BOSS
INTO THINKIN'
HE'S YOU!

HOW
LONG
WILL
THIS
SPELL
LAST?

OH, JUST
UNTIL SOMEONE
SNAPS THEIR
FINGERS!

HEY, BOSS--
DON'T YOU
THINK THIS
IS FUNNY?

SURE,
BOSS....
I MEAN
BUTCH!

AN' HE
THINKS I'M
THE BOSS--
WOW!

BUT CAN
YA REALLY
TAKE IT?

JUST FOR
A LAUGH?

MORE..
OW!
MORE!

AFTER I'M
GOOD AND
GREEN I'LL
PUT ON A
COSTUME
THAT'LL MAKE ME
EVEN SILLIER!

UH-
HUH

TAKE IT?
I LOVE IT!

HOW'S
THIS
BOSS?

Y'PLAY
IT WITH
LITTLE
CUBES
FOR
MONEY!

SWELL!
I'LL GET
A LOTTA
MONEY!

NOW SHOW
ME HOW!

OH, IT'S
VERY
SIMPLE!

IF YOU THROW A THIR-
TEEN YOU WIN, BUT
ANYTHING I THROW
FROM ONE TO
TWELVE
I WIN!

WAIT.. I
WANNA SHOW
YOU A NEW
GAME!

LET'S
GO

SNAP!

PFFT!

SO I WIN
ALL YOUR
MONEY..
SIMPLE
ISN'T
IT?

OH
VERY!

AS SIMPLE
AS GIVIN' A
KITTY HIS
BREAKFAST..
YOU BURGLAR!

HELP!

MAN EATING
LION

NOT FOR A WHILE,
BUTCH--DUE TO THE
MEN SHORTAGE, I'VE
GOT A JOB DOWN!
HERE!

THE LIVE ONE!

Big Top

I'M THE ONLY
LIFE GUARD
ON DUTY HERE
RIGHT NOW!

SO I'LL
JUST HAVE
TO SIT
HERE
TIL
SOME-
ONE
CALLS
FOR
AID!

WHILE I SIT
BELOW AND
HEAR THEM
SEA-WOLVES
HOLLER
'HELP' BY
THE
HUNDREDS!

GUESS
YOU'RE
JUST OUTTA
LUCK, BUTCH!

I
WONDER

**LIFE
GUARD**

HELP!

**LIFE
GUARD!**

LADY
LIFE
GUARD!

HELP!

CRAMP

CRAME!

CRAMP!
CRAMP!

**HELP!
LIFE
GUARD!**

**BLONDA
LIFE
GUARD!**

HEY!
WHERE'S THAT
LIFE-GUARD?

I WONDER

**LIFE
GUARD**

CAPT. SPIN IN SHAW



ANSWERING AN URGENT CALL, CAPTAIN SPIN SHAW, U.S.N. RUSHES TO ONE OF OUR SECRET NAVAL BASES IN THE PACIFIC... IN A GRUMMAN TBF...

CAPTAIN SHAW REPORTING, ADMIRAL ---



SPIN!! ... OL' CAP'N TROUBLE-SHOOTER, HISSELF! ... HAVE I GOT A CORKER FOR YOU THIS TIME! ... NOTHING MUCH ... JUST A JOY RIDE TO JAPAN!



BILL EVANS WILL BE YOUR NAVIGATOR AND HE'LL GET YOU THERE OKAY ... NOW, HERE ... HEY! ARE YOU LISTENIN'?

YEAH ... SURE ... BUT I WAS JUST WONDERING IF THAT GARDENER COULDN'T HEAR EVERYTHING WE SAY?!!



ONE OF OUR AGENTS THERE POSES AS A FARMER AND HAS AN UNDERWATER RICE-FIELD -- OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE ... IT'S REALLY AN UNDERWATER AIRFIELD! ... ONE WE'LL USE WHEN WE INVADE JAPAN!



NOW ... ABOUT GETTING PAST THE INTERCEPTOR PATROLS AND OBSERVERS ... A PATROL PASSES TEN MILES FROM THE FIELD AT EXACTLY FOUR A.M. ... YOU WAIT FOR IT, AND RIDE IN WITH IT ... UNSEEN, OF COURSE ...

IT'S FANTASTIC!



PERHAPS ... BUT WE MUST GET THAT INFORMATION ... INCIDENTALLY, YOU'LL RECOGNIZE OUR AGENT BY A HUGE YELLOW HAT AND LIGHT BLUE SHIRT... AFTER YOU PICK HIM UP, GO LIKE BLAZES OUT TO SEA ... AND OUR PLANES WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU ...



WHO? ... KIDOKI? HA-HA! ... NO WORRY THERE! HE HATES TOJO! AND HE'S SO DEAF THAT "SPARKS" FIXED HIM UP AN AMPLIFIER FOR HIS EARS ... NOW HE CAN HEAR A LITTLE, BUT WE STILL HAVE TO SHOUT ... DON'T WORRY, HE'S ALL RIGHT...





OH!... IS BAD!... EAR
HEARER BROKE!...
MUST GET FIX!
YESSSSSS!



OH, PLEASE, SAR!... IS SO
SOLLY!... MACHINE
BROKE! I DROP!

YOU
WOULD!... LET'S
SEE IT!...



IT ISN'T MUCH... GO
TO THE TOOL HOUSE!
... I SAY GO TO THE...
OH, NEVER MIND!
I'LL GO, MYSELF!



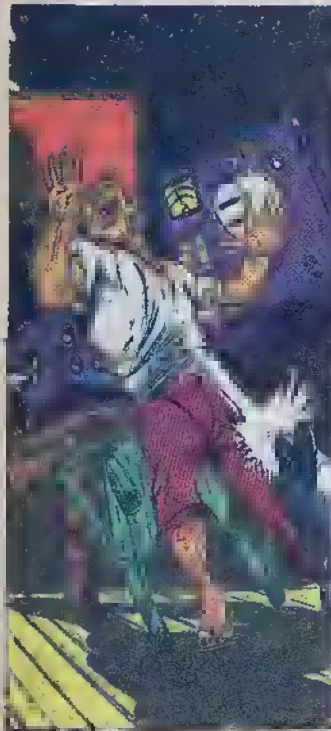
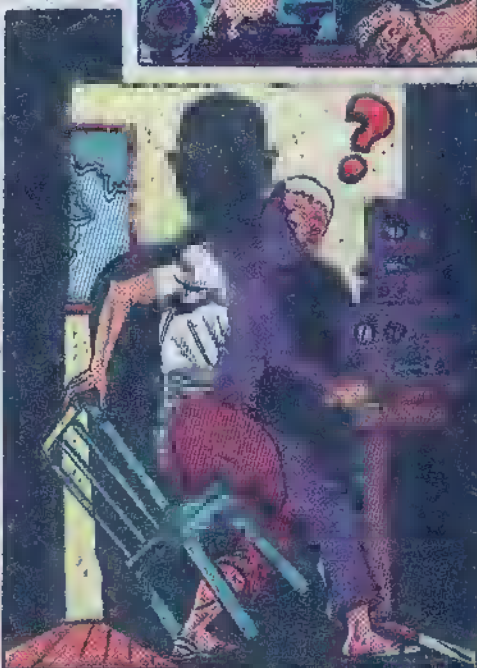
STUPID FOOL! HA!...
NOW I CAN RADIO
GLORIOUS NIPPON TO
INTERCEPT THE
FAMOUS CAPTAIN
SHAW!



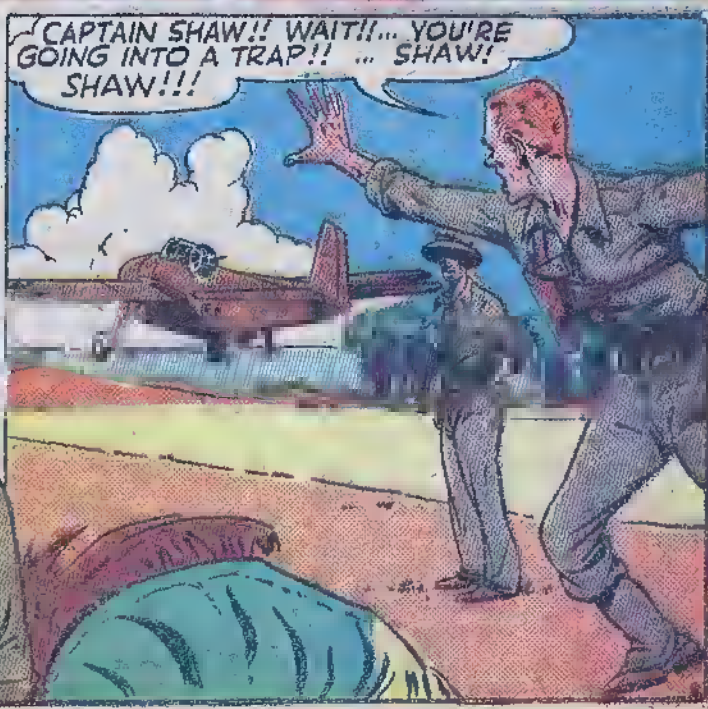
THE STUPID
FOOLS!...
THINKING
ALL THIS TIME I WAS DEAF!
HA! WITH THE HEARING DEVICE
I WAS ABLE TO HEAR TWICE
AS FAR... AND AS MUCH!...
AH SA!!... HERE WE
ARE!... NOW
TO REPORT!...



AH SA!... IT IS DONE!!... THE
SPY WILL BE TAKEN CARE
OF AND SHAW WILL BE
EXPECTED! HA! WHAT A
GLORIOUS DAY FOR
NIPPON!... NOW TO
CARRY ON MY
DUTY!

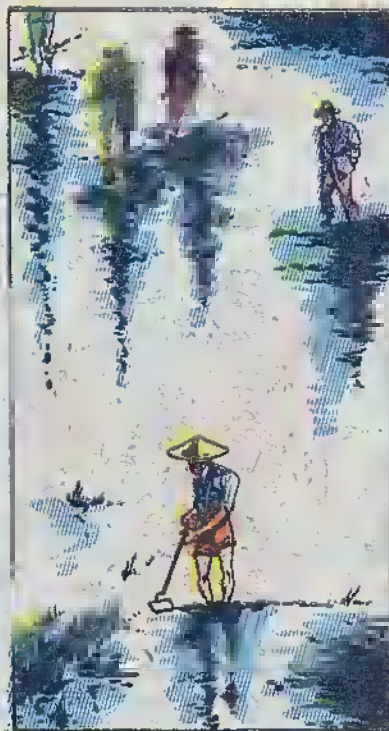


THE LOUSY, STINKIN' SPY!!
THE RAT!... AND WE WERE
TRUSTIN' HIM!... CRIPES!!
HE DARN NEAR RUINED MY
SET, FALLIN' ON IT! I'D
'TTER WARN SPIN SHAW
BEFORE HE TAKES OFF
--OR WE'LL NEVER BE
ABLE TO GET
WORD TO HIM!



CAPTAIN SHAW!! WAIT!!... YOU'RE
GOING INTO A TRAP!!... SHAW!
SHAW!!!

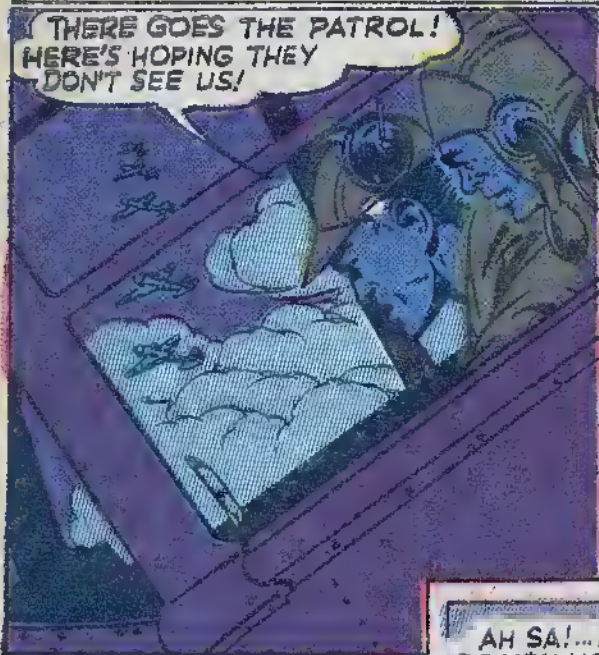
MEANWHILE, ON A SMALL FIELD IN JAPAN, THE AMERICAN AGENT, CALMLY WORKS ON HIS "PADDY" FIELD WHEN FOUR MEN CROSS FROM THE FAR SIDE...



WELL DONE! ... THE TRAITOR IS DEAD!! ... QUICK! CHANGE CLOTHES AND WE WILL THEN BE READY FOR THE AMERICAN ...

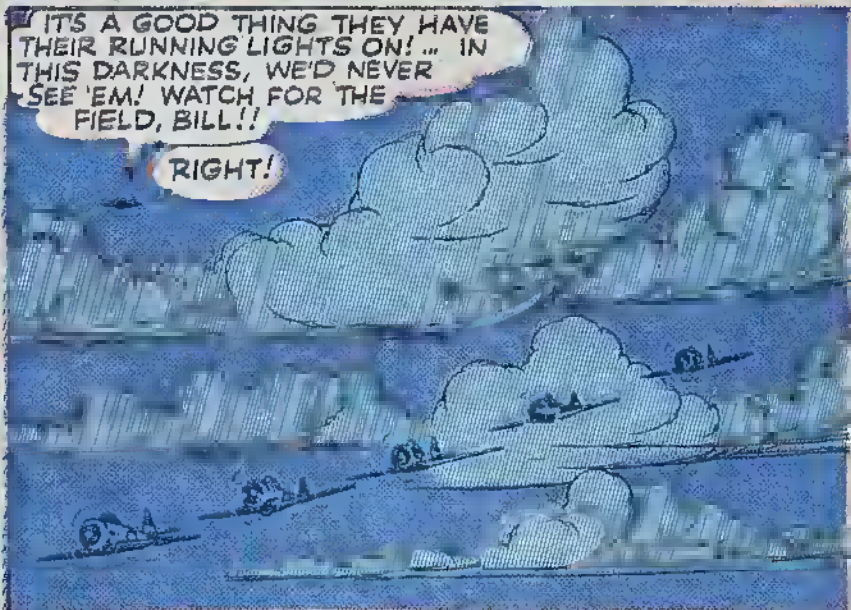
THAT NIGHT ... JUST BEFORE DAWN...

THERE GOES THE PATROL! HERE'S HOPING THEY DON'T SEE US!



IT'S A GOOD THING THEY HAVE THEIR RUNNING LIGHTS ON! ... IN THIS DARKNESS, WE'D NEVER SEE 'EM! WATCH FOR THE FIELD, BILL!!

RIGHT!



IT'S ABOUT HERE, SPIN! ... BETTER SET HER DOWN!



AH SA! ... LISTEN, KOKO! DO YOU NOT HEAR A PLANE? ... IT IS SO DARK I CAN NOT SEE! ... ONLY THE PATROL! ... FEAR NOT!!



WHEW... SO FAR, SO GOOD! HERE COMES OUR BOY! ... HE FITS THE DESCRIPTION ALL RIGHT!...



COME ON, PAL! ... THIS ISN'T
VERY FRIENDLY
COUNTRY!
IN A
MOMENT!... WAIT!
I MUST GET SOME
THINGS!



HURRY UP!... YOU MIGHT'VE
BEEN FOLLOWED AND... WAIT!
I JUST SAW SOMETHING MOVE
BEHIND THOSE TREES! LOOK!
THERE'S A BAYONET!!
SOLDIERS!! GET IN, BROTHER!
WE'RE LEAVING!!



AI! AI! AWRRRK!... FOOL!... FIG!!
THEY'VE GOTTEN AWAY!!... OH,
YOU IDIOT!!... WHY DID
YOU MOVE SO THEY
COULD SEE YOU??
BAH!!... DOG!!

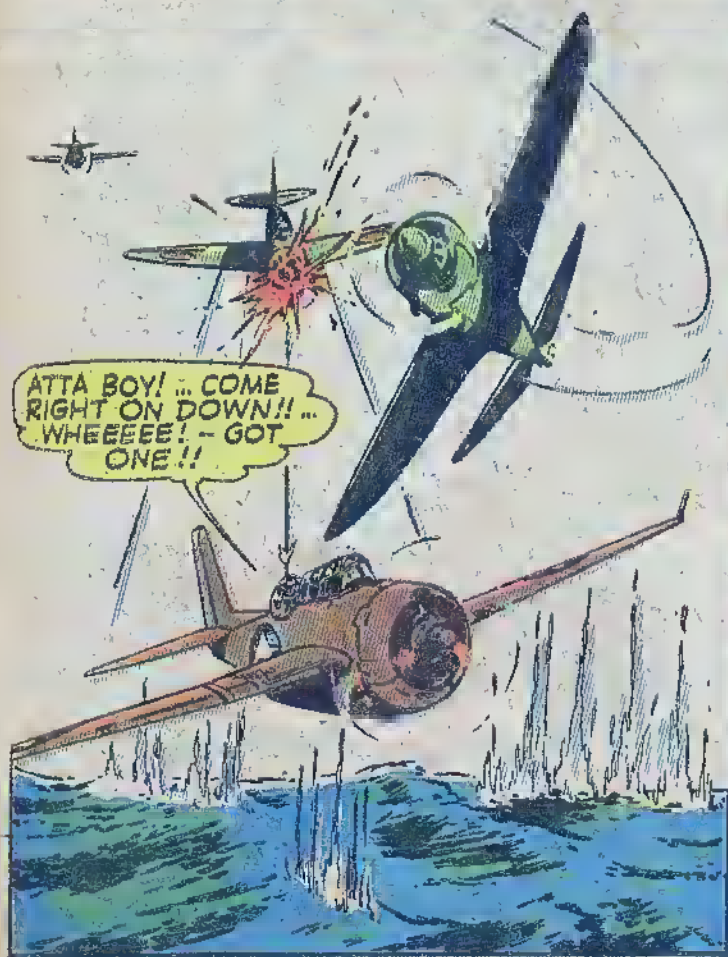


OH, BOY! OH, BOY! ... THAT WAS CLOSE!!...
IT'S GETTIN' LIGHT, TOO! WE'D
BETTER SCRAM ... AND
QUICK!!

WELL... WE'RE OUT
OVER THE SEA, ANY-
WAY, AND -----
OH-OH!

AND WE MAY BE
IN IT ANY MINUTE NOW!
SKIM THE WAVES, PAL!...
WE HAVE COMPANY!

ATTA BOY! ... COME
RIGHT ON DOWN!!...
WHEEEEE! - GOT
ONE!!

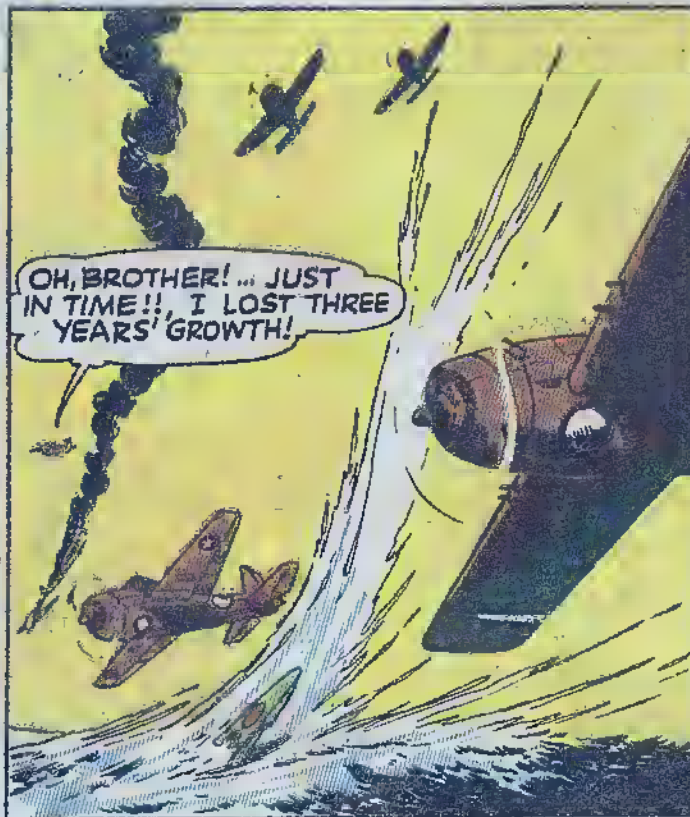


COME ON, TOJO!
COME AN' GET
IT!!





ATTENTION! ... THERE'S
SPIN! ... AND A COUPLE
OF ZÉROES! ... SIC
'EM!!



OH, BROTHER! ... JUST
IN TIME!! ... I LOST THREE
YEARS' GROWTH!

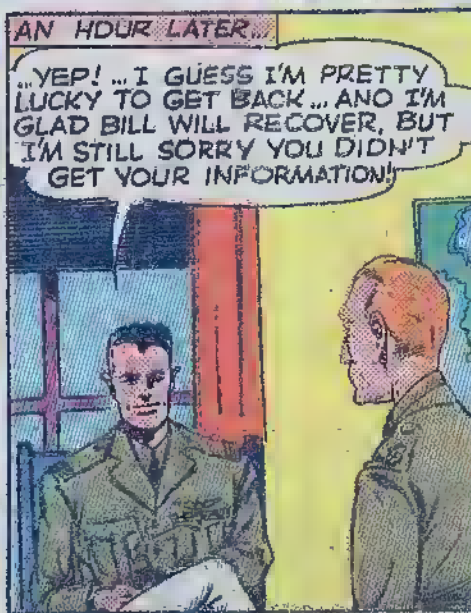


THREE HOURS LATER...



I BROUGHT BACK YOUR
MAN, CASEY ... BUT I'M
AFRAID HE'S DEAD ...
I'M SORRY ...

YOU'RE
SORRY!! ... OH,
BROTHER! WAIT
UNTIL YOU HEAR
WHAT I HAVE TO
TELL YOU!!



AN HOUR LATER...

...YEP! ... I GUESS I'M PRETTY
LUCKY TO GET BACK ... AND I'M
GLAD BILL WILL RECOVER, BUT
I'M STILL SORRY YOU DIDN'T
GET YOUR INFORMATION!



OH, BUT WE OIO! ... YOU
SEE, ALL WE WANTED TO
KNOW WAS WRITTEN IN
INVISIBLE INK ON OUR AGENT'S
SHIRT! ... SO, YOUR MISSION WAS
A SUCCESS, AFTER ALL!

THAT'S SWELL! ... BUT,
BOY!! ... IF YOU MUST SEND
ME OUT ON ANY JOY RIDES,
PLEASE-- NOT TO JAPAN!

ZERO



THERE ARE SOME THINGS UNKNOWN TO MAN -- THINGS WHICH REACH INTO ANOTHER WORLD! SOME OF US SCOFF AT GHOSTS WHICH TRY TO FIGHT THEIR WAY BACK INTO THE LAND OF THE LIVING... BUT MORE TO BE DREADED IS THE WEREWOLF-- A WARPED HUMAN SOUL!... A FIENDISH CREATURE WHICH CAN BE KILLED ONLY BY DRIVING A STAKE THROUGH ITS BLACK HEART!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A WEREWOLF TAKES UP THE SCENT OF **ZERO**... PEER OF ALL GHOST DETECTIVES?

A WILD STORM RAGES OVER THE HOME OF DR. TURNER, INTIMATE FRIEND OF **ZERO**...

IT'S A PERFECT NIGHT FOR GHOST STORIES, MR. ZERO! PLEASE TELL US SOME OF YOUR ADVENTURES!



WELL... SOME OF THE STORIES AREN'T VERY PLEASANT TO TALK ABOUT...

OH!! WHAT WAS THAT?!!

NOTHING, LILA... JUST THE SHUTTERS SLAMMING!



I REMEMBER ONE EXPERIENCE I HAD WITH A WEREWOLF!...

STOP! DON'T TALK ABOUT THEM! DON'T...



TALKING ABOUT
WEREWOLVES BRINGS
THEM BACK TO LIFE!
... PLEASE!



SUDDENLY THE WILD,
INHUMAN CRY OF A
HUMAN WEREWOLF!



LISTEN! --SOUNDS
LIKE THE HOWL
OF A ---

IT IS!...
IT'S THE
WEREWOLF!

OOHHH!

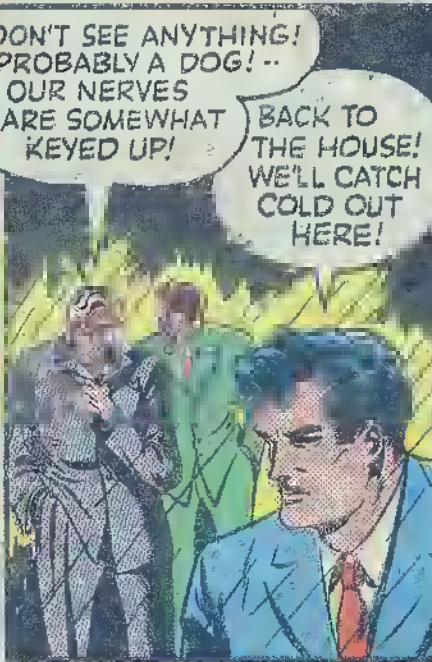


MAYBE IT'S
JUST THE WIND!
--BUT I THINK
I'LL HAVE A
LOOK!

ME, TOO! --
SOMEONE
MAY BE
PLAYING
A JOKE
ON US --
I HOPE!

DON'T SEE ANYTHING!
PROBABLY A DOG! --
OUR NERVES
ARE SOMEWHAT
KEYED UP!

BACK TO
THE HOUSE!
WE'LL CATCH
COLD OUT
HERE!



IT'S LILA!
LILA!
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE
HAS
HAPPENED!

FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE, ZERO!
WHAT KILLED
HER?

THE TEETH MARKS
ARE THOSE OF
A WEREWOLF!

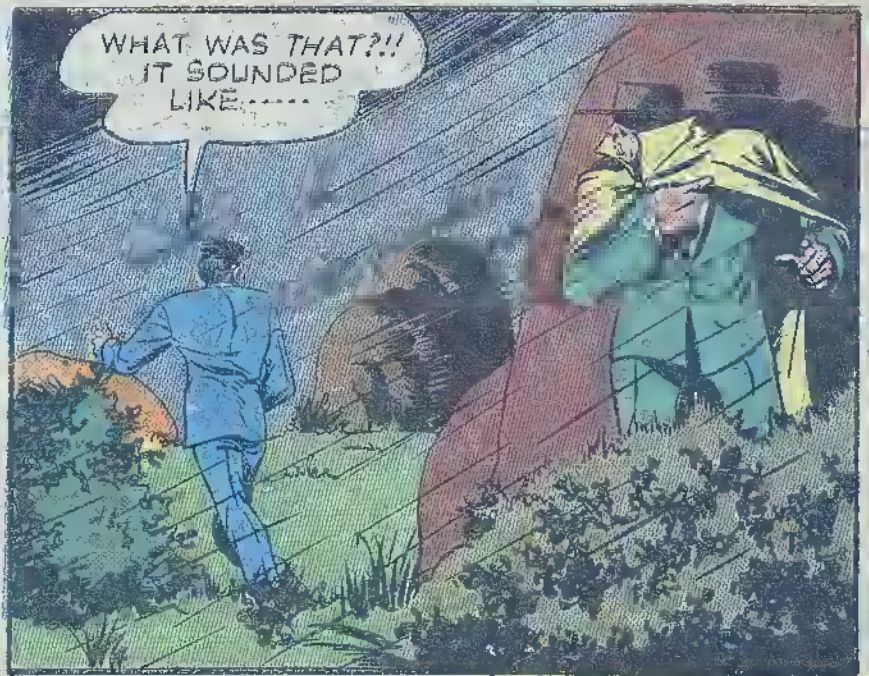
LILA! OHHH..
MY POOR
SISTER!
SHE'S
DEAD!



KEEP EVERYONE TOGETHER, DOCTOR!
I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR
THAT THING!

BE
CAREFUL,
ZERO!





A LITTLE MORE ...
JUST A LITTLE
MORE! ...

GRRR-R!



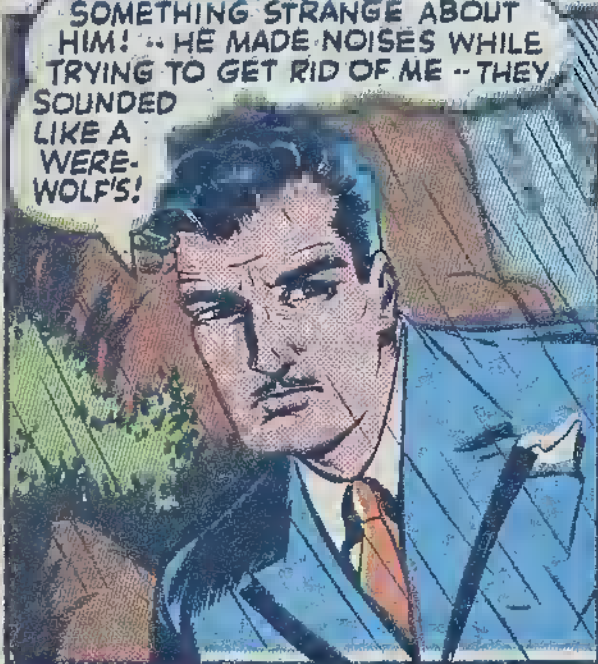
SUDDENLY THE ATTACKER TEARS HIMSELF LODGE
FROM **ZERO** AND FLEES TOWARD THE BEACH!

THAT DID IT! ...
HE LEFT HIS CLOAK!
HEY! IT'S THE
DEAD GIRL'S
BROTHER,
JIM!

THAT FOOL IS
RESPONSIBLE
FOR MY SISTER'S
DEATH! I'LL
KILL
HIM!



SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT
HIM! .. HE MADE NOISES WHILE
TRYING TO GET RID OF ME -- THEY
SOUNDED
LIKE A
WERE-
WOLF'S!



BUT, SUDDENLY, A WEREWOLF
APPEARS AND ATTACKS THE
FLEEING BROTHER!

**HELP!
HEL...**



A WEREWOLF!
A GHOST WEREWOLF!
IT'S GOT HIM!!
I MUST ATTRACT
IT'S ATTENTION
-- WHILE
THERE'S STILL
TIME ---



NOW IF I CAN
DRIVE THIS
STAKE
THROUGH
THAT
KILLER'S
HEART!

GRRR!



GOT HIM! ... OOP!!
THERE GOES MY
WEAPON! ... NOW
WHAT!



ONCE MORE THE WILD INHUMAN THING RETURNS TO THE ATTACK!

THIS LOOKS LIKE THE ZERO HOUR FOR ZERO!

MY GHOST DISINTEGRATOR! ... MAYBE IT'LL WORK ON THIS THING! IT'S MY LAST CHANCE!

THE GHOST DISINTEGRATOR IS ZERO'S LAST CHANCE! BUT WILL IT WORK ON A WEREWOLF!??

IT WORKED! IT WORKED! WHEW! I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END!

ZERO!...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WE HEARD SOME HORRIBLE SOUNDS AND THOUGHT...

I'M FINE.. BUT THE GHOST WEREWOLF GOT THE GIRL'S BROTHER, JIM! HE'S OVER THERE! LET'S SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO!

LOOK! HIS FACE HAS CHANGED TO THAT OF A WEREWOLF'S! -- COULD JIM HAVE BEEN A WEREWOLF ALL THIS TIME? DID HE KILL HIS SISTER, ZERO?

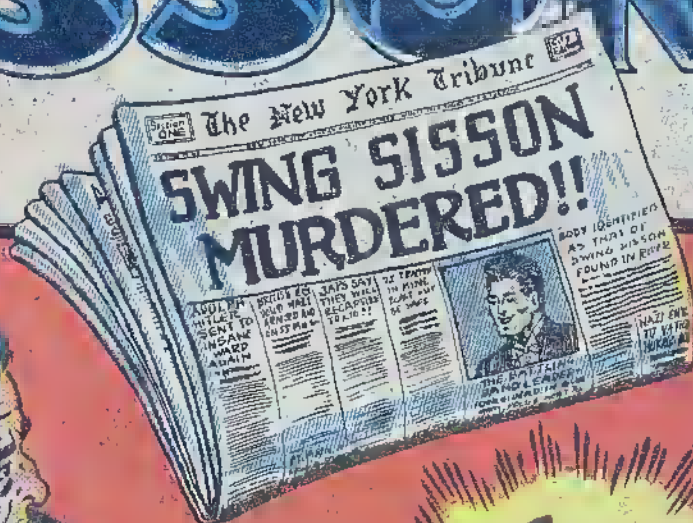
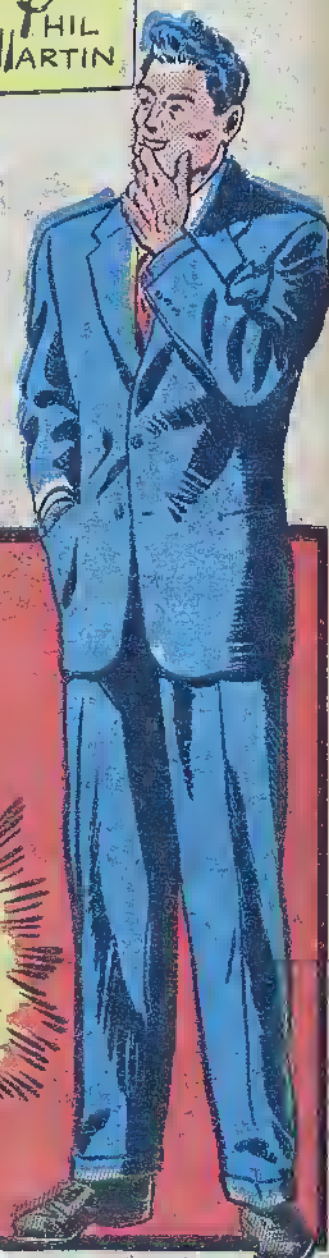
NO, THE GHOST WEREWOLF KILLED JIM'S SISTER AND THEN KILLED HIM, BUT, STRANGELY ENOUGH, JIM WAS ALSO A WEREWOLF!

FOLLOW THE MYSTERIOUS ADVENTURES OF ZERO IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF FEATURE COMICS!

SWING Sisson

by

PHIL
MARTIN

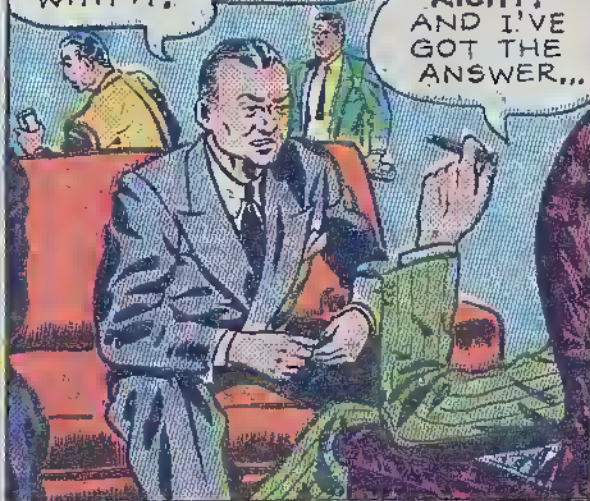


SEE THAT
HEADLINE....?
YES, YOU READ
IT RIGHT THE
FIRST TIME. "SWING
SISSON MURDERED."
SURPRISED? WELL,
MAYBE YOU AREN'T
THE ONLY
ONE
.....

IT ALL STARTED
THIS WAY....LAST
MONTH SWING
SISSON, THE
BATTLING BAND
LEADER, TURNED
OVER TO THE
POLICE, YVONNE
AND ALL OF
HER GANG....OR
SO HE THOUGHT!
ACTUALLY ONLY
HALF THE
CROOKS WERE
CAPTURED--AND,
UNKNOWN TO
SWING, THE
REST OF THE
THUGS ARE
STILL AT
LARGE.....

YEP, WE'VE GOT TO SPRING
YVONNE---THAT'S SURE! BUT
WE'LL HAVE TO GET THAT
BAND LEADER OUTTA THE
WAY SOMEHOW, BEFORE
WE CAN GET AWAY
WITH IT!

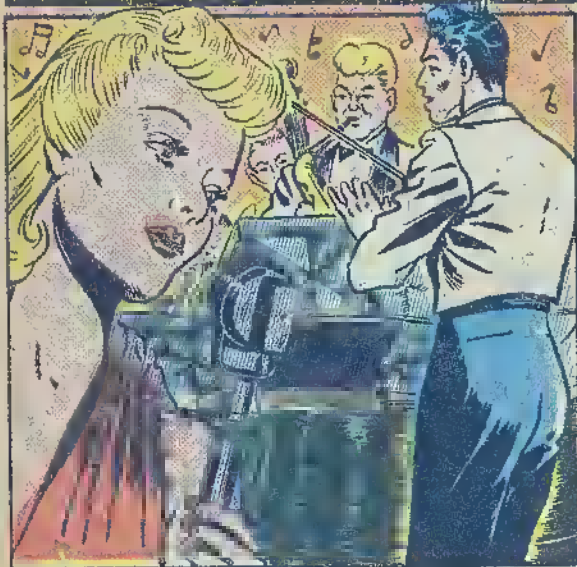
RIGHT!
AND I'VE
GOT THE
ANSWER...



...BOYS, MEET
TWITCHY DAWKINS!
HE'S OFFERED TO
...ELIMINATE
SWING Sisson
FOR FIVE
HUNDRED
BUCKS..AND
SAVE US
THE
TROUBLE!



THE CLOVER CLUB...WHERE SWEET MELODY IS SERVED OUT BY SWING AND HIS ORCHESTRA....



AFTER THE CLUB HAS CLOSED...



BONNIE AND I ARE GOING TO GET A BITE TO EAT, SWING---- WANNA COME ALONG?

NO, THANKS, TOBY... I'M GOING RIGHT TO THE HOTEL AND GET SOME SLEEP!

HEY, TAXI!



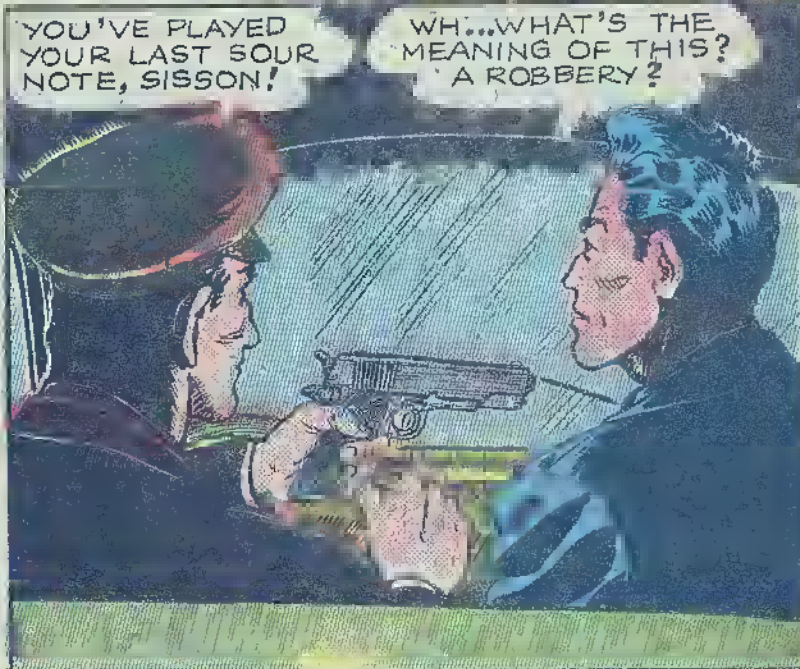
DRIVER, TAKE ME TO....

GET IN DA FRONT SEAT, BUD.... QUIET OR I'LL BLOW YA TO KINGDOM COME!!



YOU'VE PLAYED YOUR LAST SOUR NOTE, SISSON!

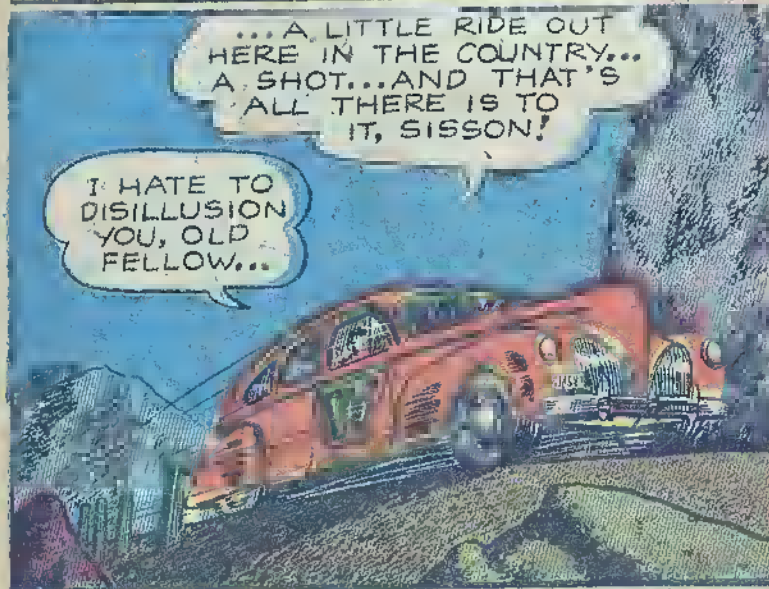
WH...WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? A ROBBERY?



THE THUG TELLS SWING OF BEING HIRED BY YVONNE'S GANG TO DISPOSE OF HIM...

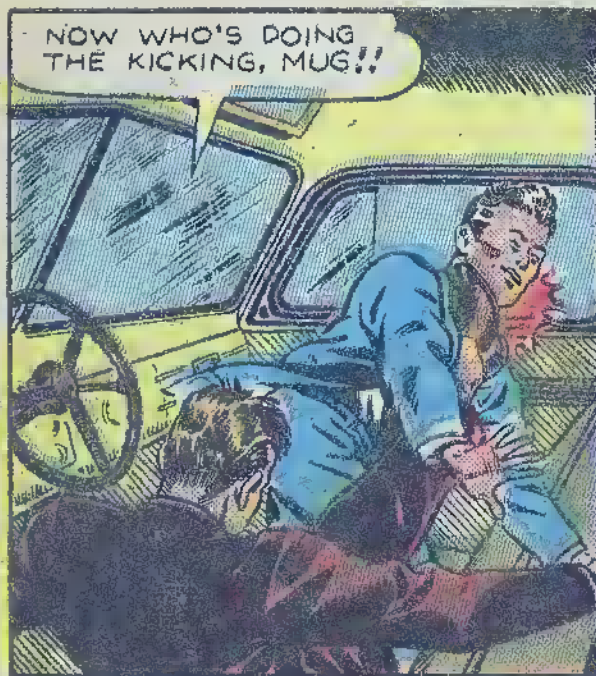
...A LITTLE RIDE OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY... A SHOT...AND THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT, SISSON!

I HATE TO DISILLUSION YOU, OLD FELLOW...



...BUT I JUST CAN'T SEE THINGS YOUR WAY!!



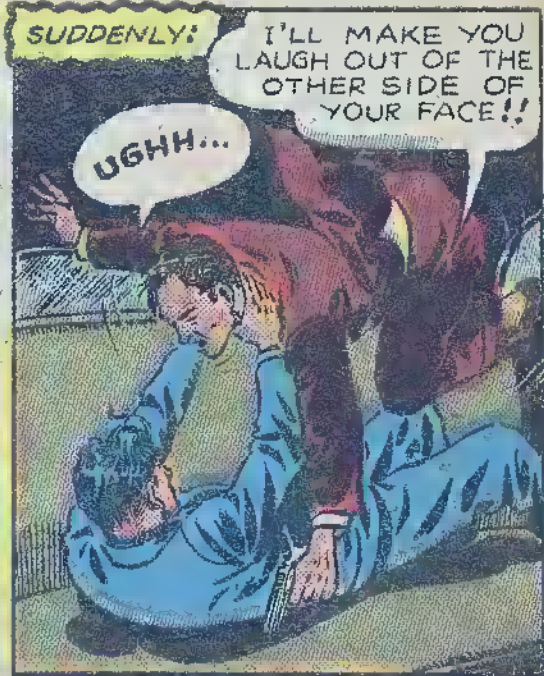


NOW WHO'S DOING
THE KICKING, MUG!!

SWING FEIGNS
UNCONSCIOUSNESS

I GUESS
THAT'LL KEEP
HIS YAP SHUT
FER A WHILE!

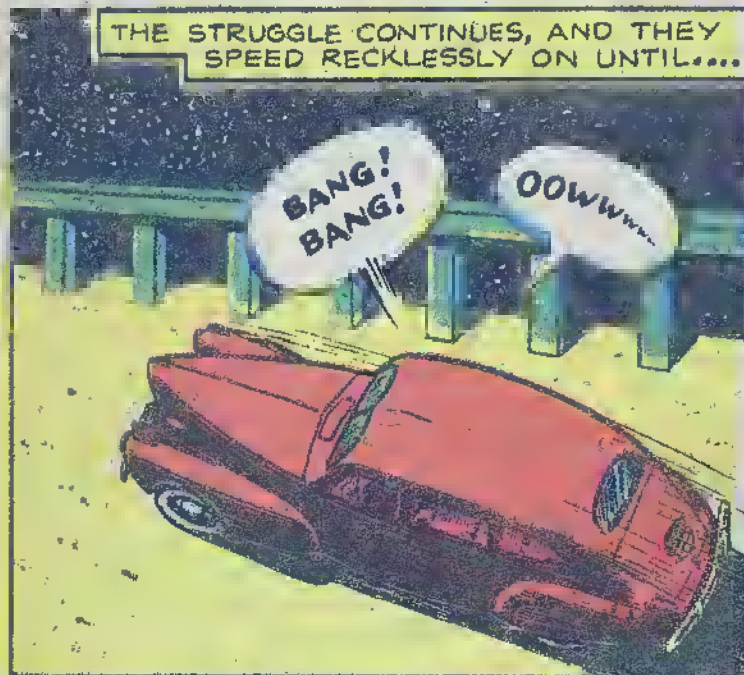
THAT HURT!!
HE THINKS
I'M OUT...I'LL
CATCH HIM
OFF GUARD



SUDDENLY!

I'LL MAKE YOU
LAUGH OUT OF THE
OTHER SIDE OF
YOUR FACE!!

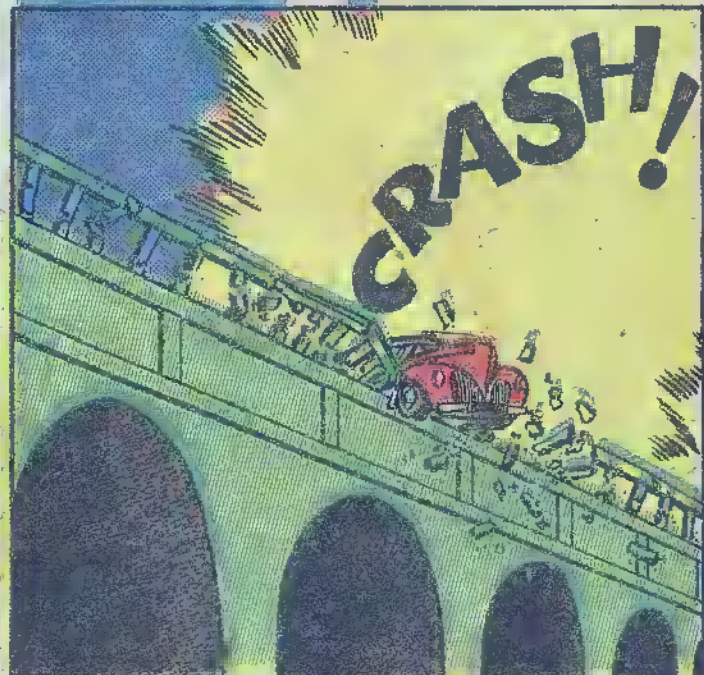
UGHH...



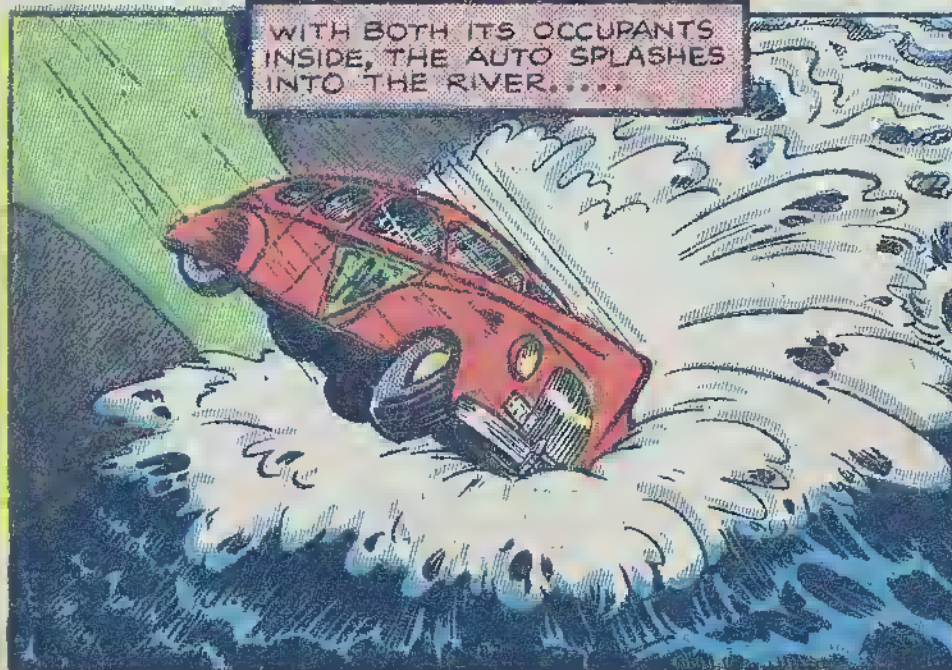
THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES, AND THEY
SPEED RECKLESSLY ON UNTIL....

BANG!
BANG!

OOOWWWW



CRASH!



WITH BOTH ITS OCCUPANTS
INSIDE, THE AUTO SPLASHES
INTO THE RIVER.....



...AND DISAPPEARS
BENEATH THE SURFACE!

HAS SWING'S VALIANT
FIGHT AGAINST WRONG-
DOERS FINALLY BROUGHT
ABOUT HIS END??

NEXT MORNING HEADLINES TELL OF THE TRAGEDY....

SO HE FINALLY PUSHED HIS LUCK TOO FAR! HOW'D IT HAPPEN, DAN?

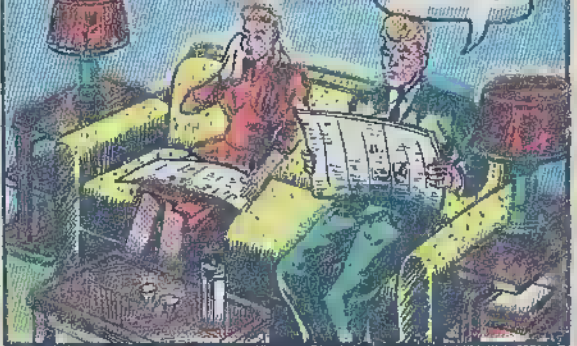
A FARMER SAW AN AUTO CRASH THROUGH A BRIDGE AND SINK IN THE RIVER. WHEN SWING SISSON'S BODY WAS RECOVERED, THEY FOUND HE'D BEEN SHOT TO DEATH!!



BONNIE AND TOBY, SWING'S CLOSEST FRIENDS, READ THE STARTLING NEWS...

(SOB!) HE'S GONE, TOBY!

YES, BONNIE---BUT WE'LL CARRY ON THE BAND! SWING WOULD HAVE WANTED IT THAT WAY... SNIFF, SNIFF... I MUST BE CATCHING COLD!

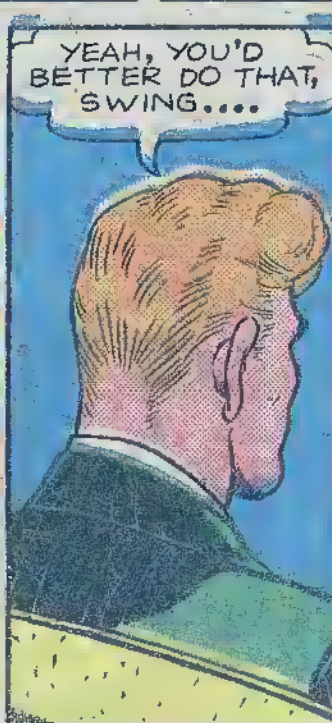


I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE MY OLD PAL IS DEAD!!

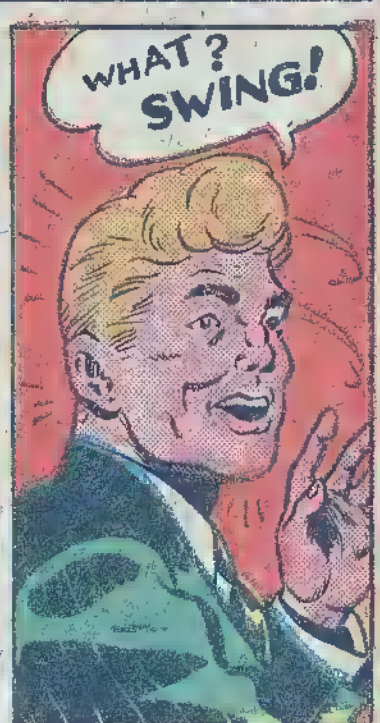
HMMM! I MUST REMEMBER TO GO TO MY FUNERAL!!



YEAH, YOU'D BETTER DO THAT, SWING....



WHAT? SWING!



OH, SWING!

HEY...I'LL HAVE TO DIE MORE OFTEN, IF I GET A RECEPTION LIKE THIS!!

YOU'RE ALIVE!

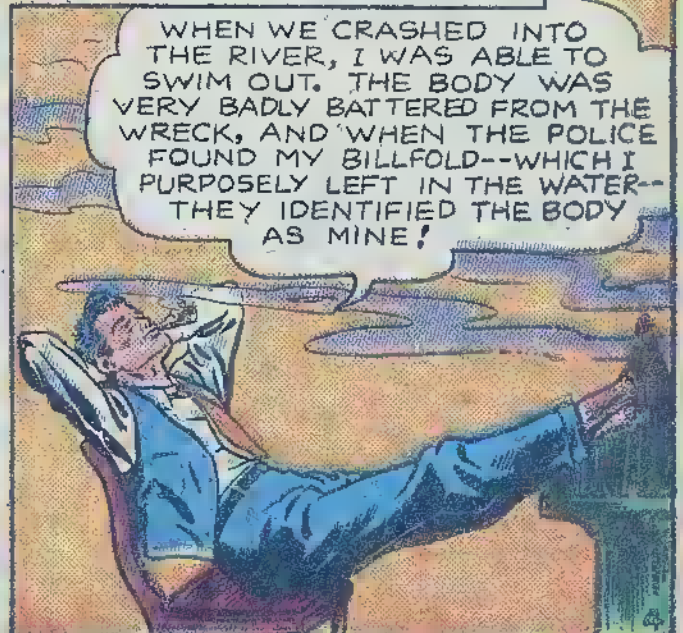


SWING EXPLAINS HOW HE WAS ABDUCTED....

...IN THE STRUGGLE THE THUG'S GUN WENT OFF... KILLING HIM INSTEAD OF ME!



WHEN WE CRASHED INTO THE RIVER, I WAS ABLE TO SWIM OUT. THE BODY WAS VERY BADLY BATTERED FROM THE WRECK, AND WHEN THE POLICE FOUND MY BILLFOLD--WHICH I PURPOSELY LEFT IN THE WATER--THEY IDENTIFIED THE BODY AS MINE!





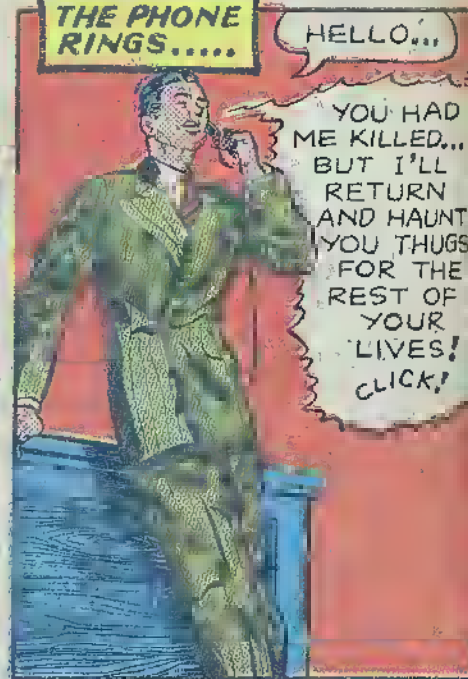
BUT, SWING,
WHY'D YOU
LET EVERY-
ONE THINK
YOU WERE
DEAD?

IT'S ALL PART
OF A PLAN...
LISTEN...



SO NOW
WE'RE
SURE
SISSON'S
OUTTA
THE
WAY...
EH,
BOSS?

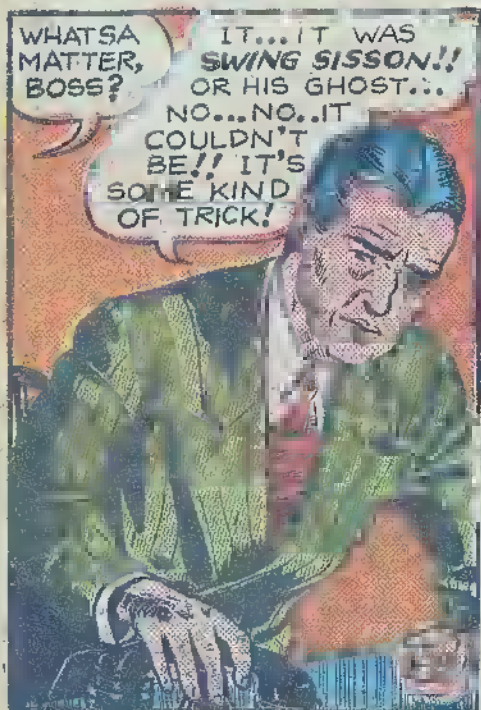
CERTAINLY! I
THINK I'LL
EVEN GO TO
HIS FUNERAL...
JUST FOR
LAUGHS!



THE PHONE
RINGS.....

HELLO...

YOU HAD
ME KILLED...
BUT I'LL
RETURN
AND HAUNT
YOU THUGS
FOR THE
REST OF
YOUR
LIVES!
CLICK!



WHATSA
MATTER,
BOSS?

IT...IT WAS
SWING SISSON!!
OR HIS GHOST...

NO...NO..IT
COULDN'T
BE!! IT'S
SOME KIND
OF TRICK!



THE GAYETY VANISHES...
AND A DEBATE ENSUES...

THERE'S NO SUCH
THING AS SPOOKS,
BERT!

SURE
THERE
IS, DOPE!

YOU'RE BOTH
CRAZY! NOW
I THINK...



SUDDENLY:

GREETINGS, MEN.
WE'VE BROUGHT
THE GHOST OF SWING SISSON
TO HAUNT
YOU!!



YEEOW!!
LEMMIE
OUTTA
HERE!!

IT'S TRUE!
HIS GHOST
HAS COME
BACK!!

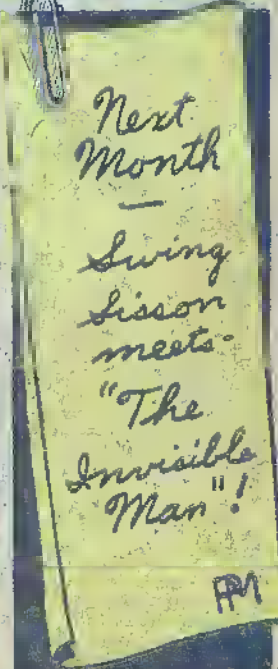
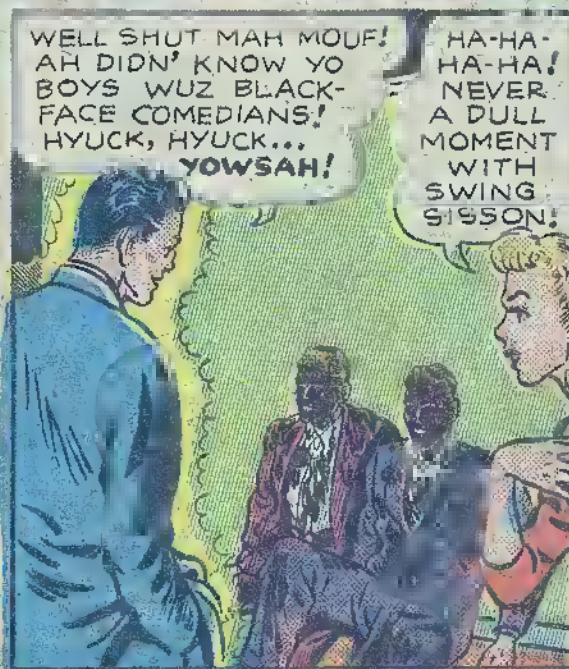
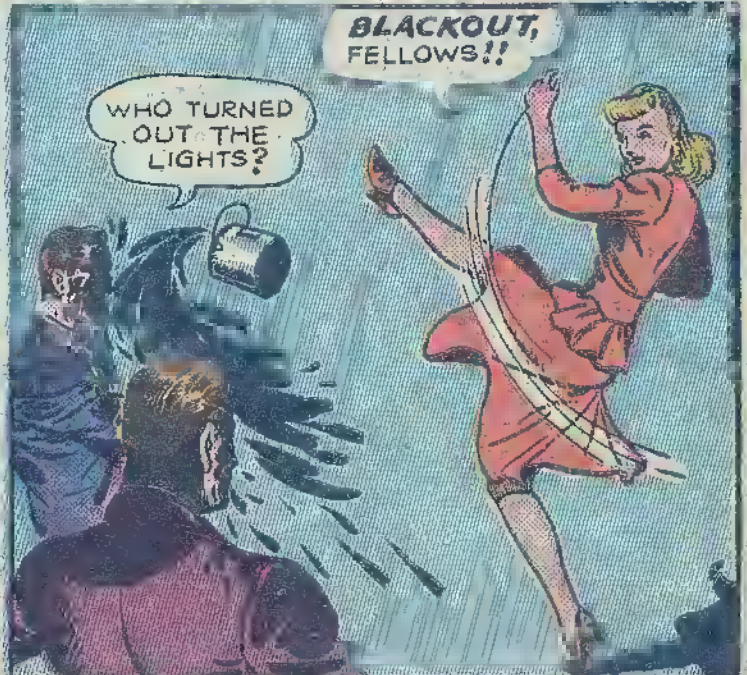
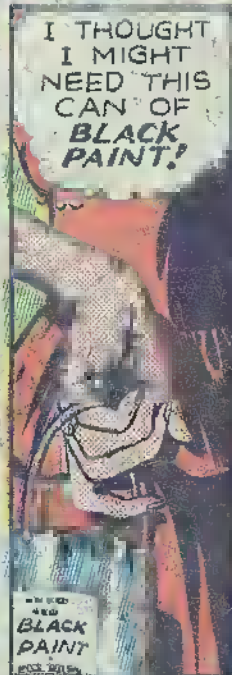
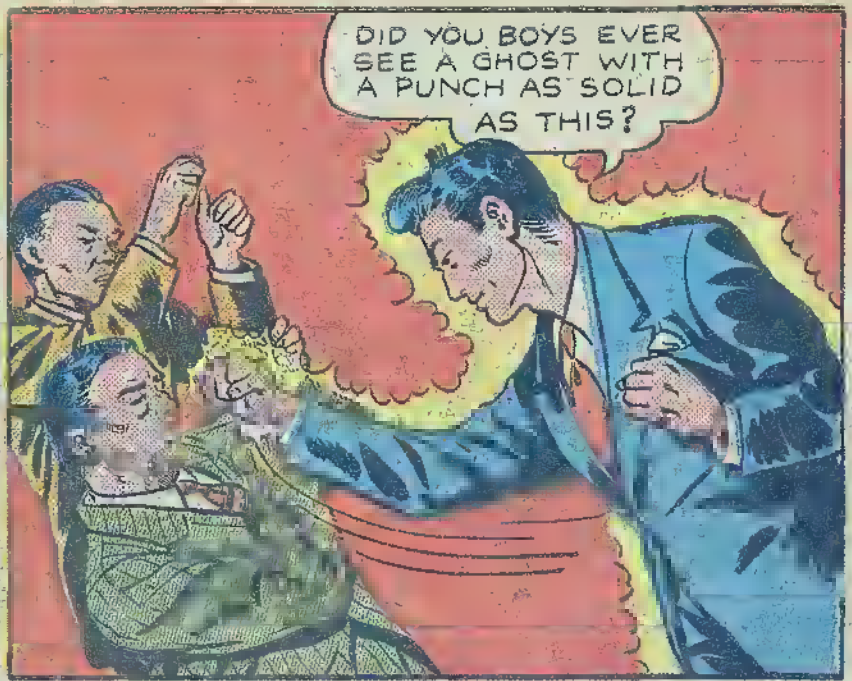


SOME-
BODY
SHOOT
'IM!

YOU CAN'T
SHOOT A
GHOST, FOOL!



AT LEAST I
CAN TRY!!



Next Month
—
Swing Sisson
meets—
"The
Invisible
Man"!

AND IT SAYS HERE:
"THE MAN WHO
BUILDS A BETTER
MOUSE TRAP WILL
FIND THE WORLD
WILL BEAT A
PATH TO
HIS DOOR!"

Cala **Da** **Da** **Da**

WEEKS AGO, I
STARTED TO
DO THAT VERY
THING -- BUILD
A BETTER
MOUSE TRAP!

IF
THAT'S
ALL IT
TAKES--
I'M
GONNA
GO
PLACES!

ARE YOU STILL
FIDDLING WITH
THAT FOOL
INVENTION?

THIS
IS **NOT**
A FOOL
INVENTION!

IT'S VERY SIMPLE AND
PRACTICAL -- FIRST, THE
FAN BLOWS THE ODOR OF
CHEESE INTO THE
MEGAPHONE...

THEN THE SMELL OF CHEESE
DRAWS MICE FOR MILES AROUND!
THEY CLIMB THE LADDER TO
INVESTIGATE AND THEY FALL
OFF THE LADDER INTO A
WINDING RUBBER TUBE...

THE CIRCULAR MAZE BEFUDDLES
A MOUSE. HE COMES OUT
THIS END AND GETS
CONKED ON HIS CRULLER
BY A HAMMER WORKING
LIKE A CLOCK PENDULUM!

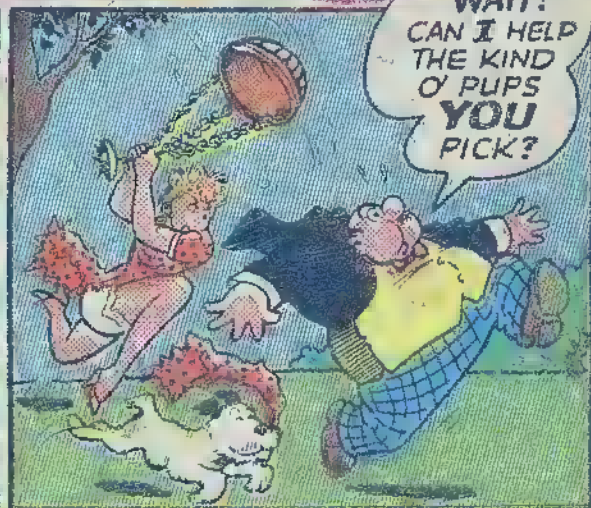
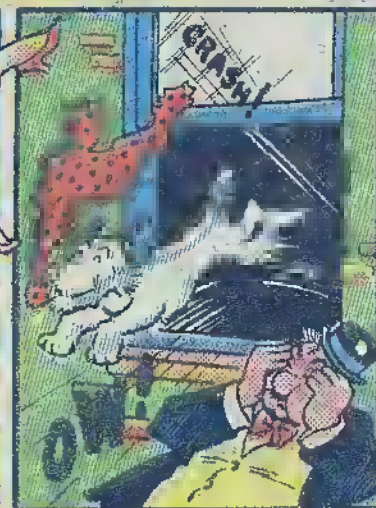
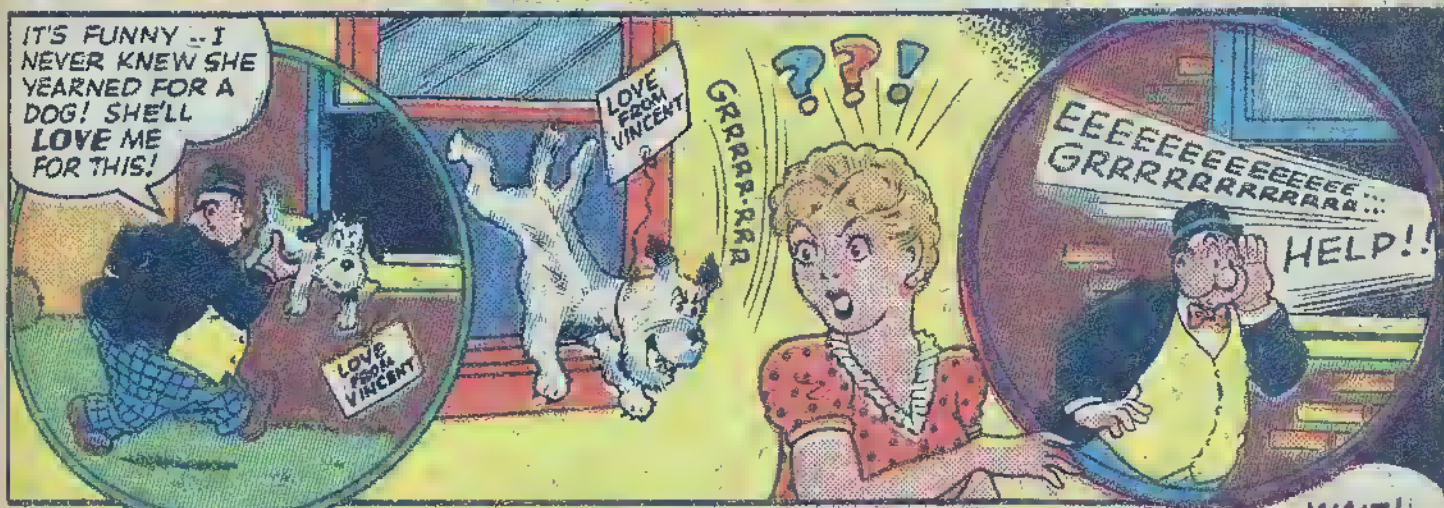
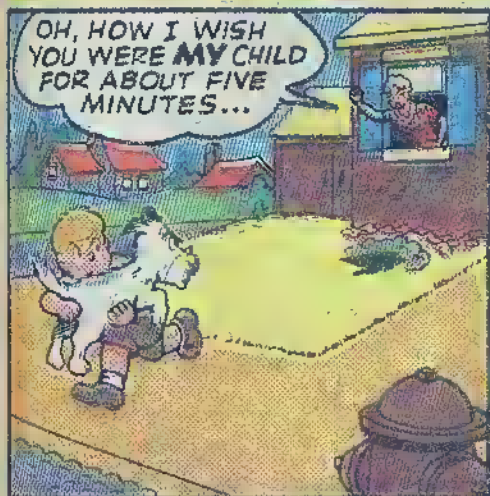
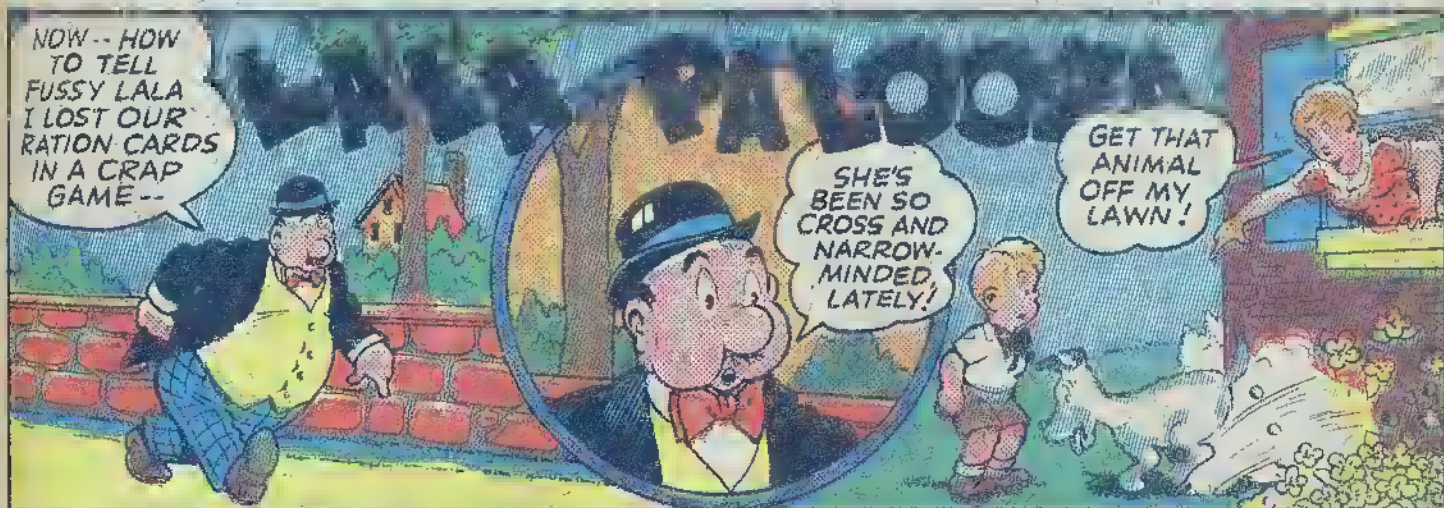
YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE!
MY OLD TRAP
WAS GOOD
ENOUGH!

LISTEN! IF MY TRAP
DOESN'T CATCH SOMETHIN'
BEFORE YOURS DOES, I'LL
SCRUB THE WHOLE
HOUSE FROM TOP
TO BOTTOM!

MMM! THIS LOOKS
LIKE A NICE HIDE-OUT!
I'LL PULL MY TRAP
OVER HERE AND---

DOOCH!
YOW!

YOU MAY START
SCRUBBING THE
KITCHEN!



BUT MADAM--THIS
HINKY DINK HANDY
CAN-OPENER, HACK
SAW AND DIAMOND
CUTTER I'M
SELLING---

NOT TODAY!
GOOD
BYE!

PEDDLERS AND
BILL-COLLECTORS--
BEEN ORIVING ME
CRAZY ALL DAY
LONG!

IT'S THREE OF 'EM
AT ONCE NOW --
BUTCHER, BAKER
AND BEAR-SKIN
RUG MAN!

RINNING
RINNING

BELLS!
BELLS!
BELLS!
BILLS! BILLS!
BILLS! --WHAT
WILL
I DO?

AND
ANOTHER
ONE! I'LL
BE A
NERVOUS
WRECK
IF THIS
KEEPS
UP!

OKAY! IF YOU WANT
TO GO THROUGH LIFE
BEING A FAT IGNORAMUS,
DON'T BUY THIS POCKET
ENCYCLOPEOIA
ON PRE-HISTORIC
FISH-LIFE!

D'YA KNOW, LALA...
I GOT A IDEA!

FIRST--IT'S
BELLS... AND
NOW A
MIRACLE!!
WHAT
NEXT?

LATER...

WHERE
ARE YOU
TAKING
THOSE
PLACARDS
AND
PAINT?

YOU'LL
FIND
OUT IN
A FEW
MINUTES!

WHAT
ON EARTH
???

75¢ REWARD
FOR KILLER
GORILLA
LAST SEEN
ROMPING HERE

DELAYED
ACTION
BOMB
MISLAID
ON LAWN

MAD
DOG!

KING
COBRA
FARM

HONOR
SYSTEM
BOBBY
HATCH!

QUICK
SAND
RIFLE
RANGE
FOR
DIPSO-
MANIACS

POISON
IVY
NURSERY

HUNTED
HOUSE

MAD
DOCTOR
OFFICE
HOURS!
ANY TIME!

POX!
--SMALL
AND
CHICKEN

CAUTION
HEAD
HUNTERS
AT PLAY

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by AL STAHL

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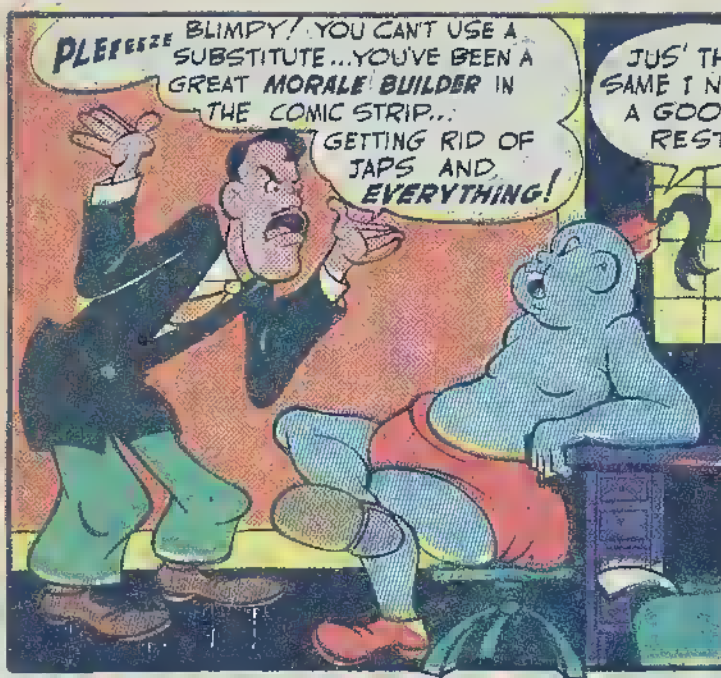
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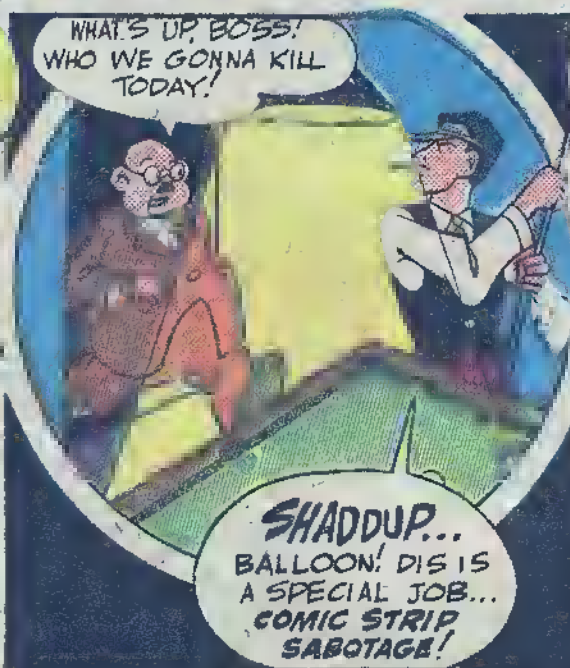
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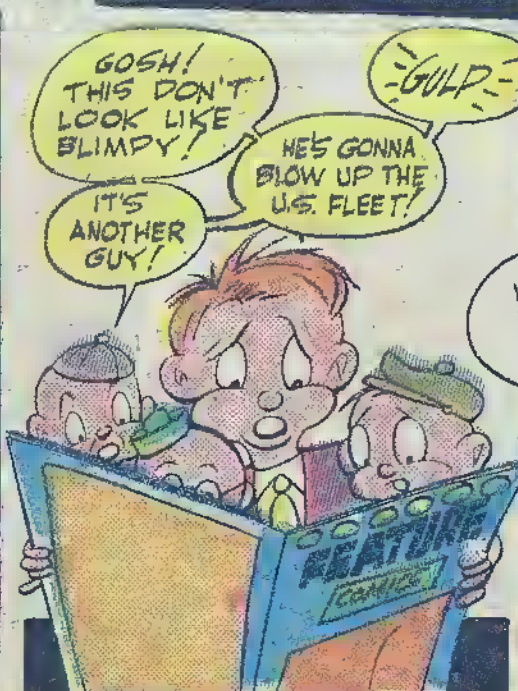
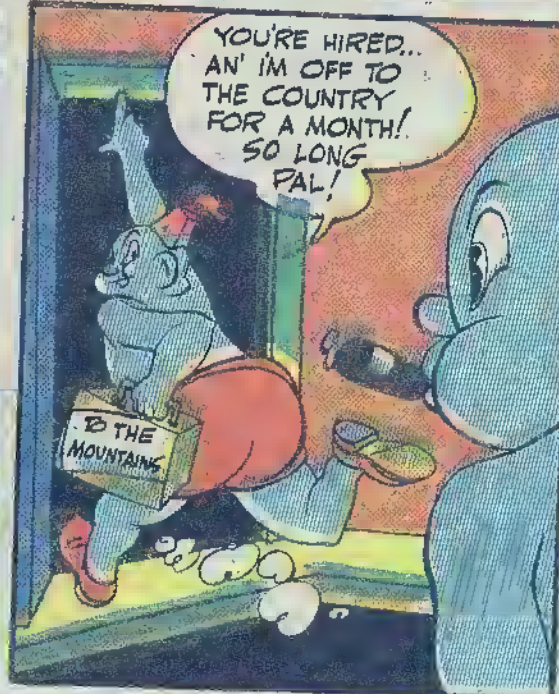
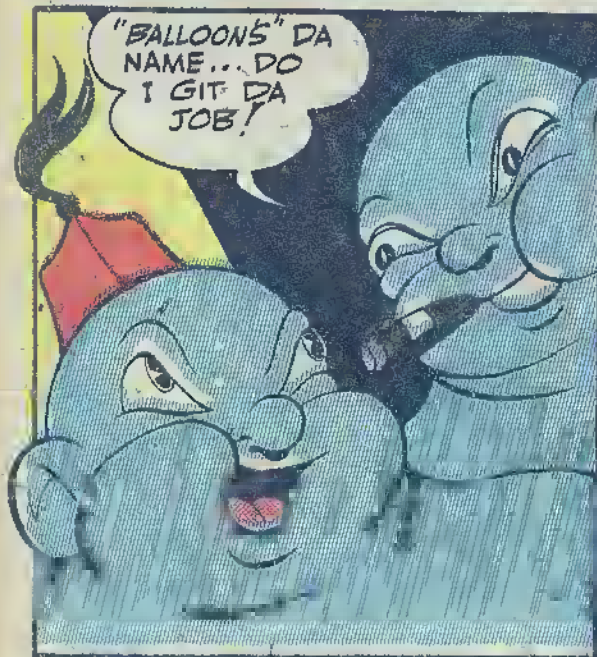
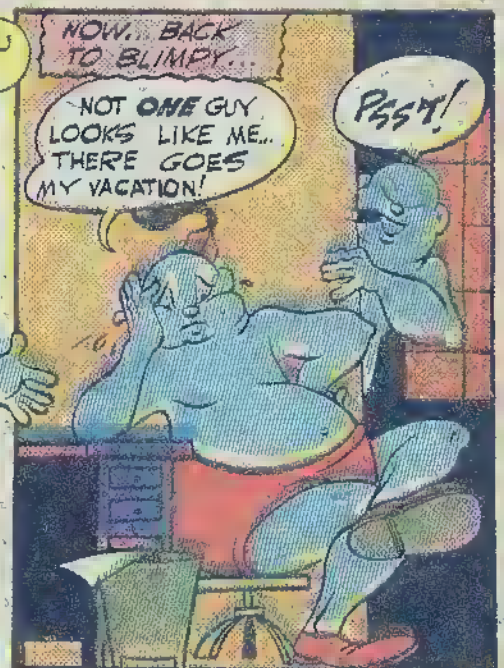
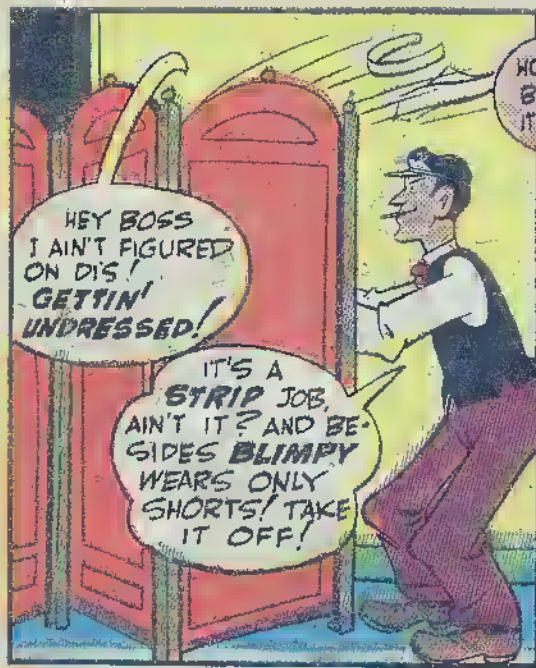
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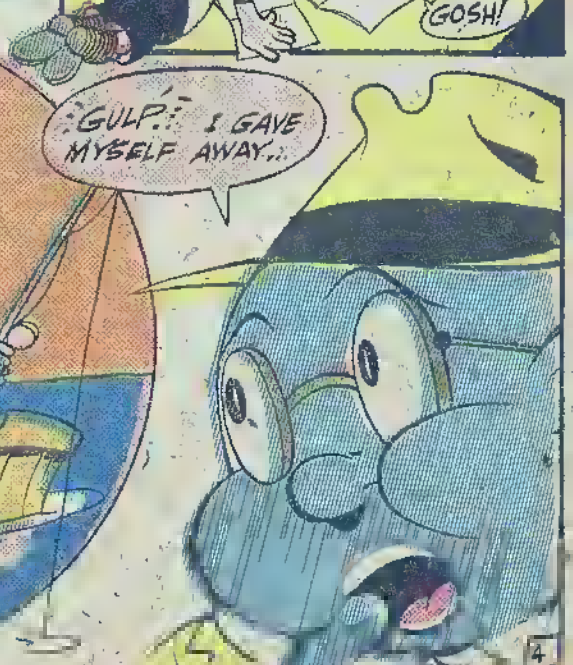
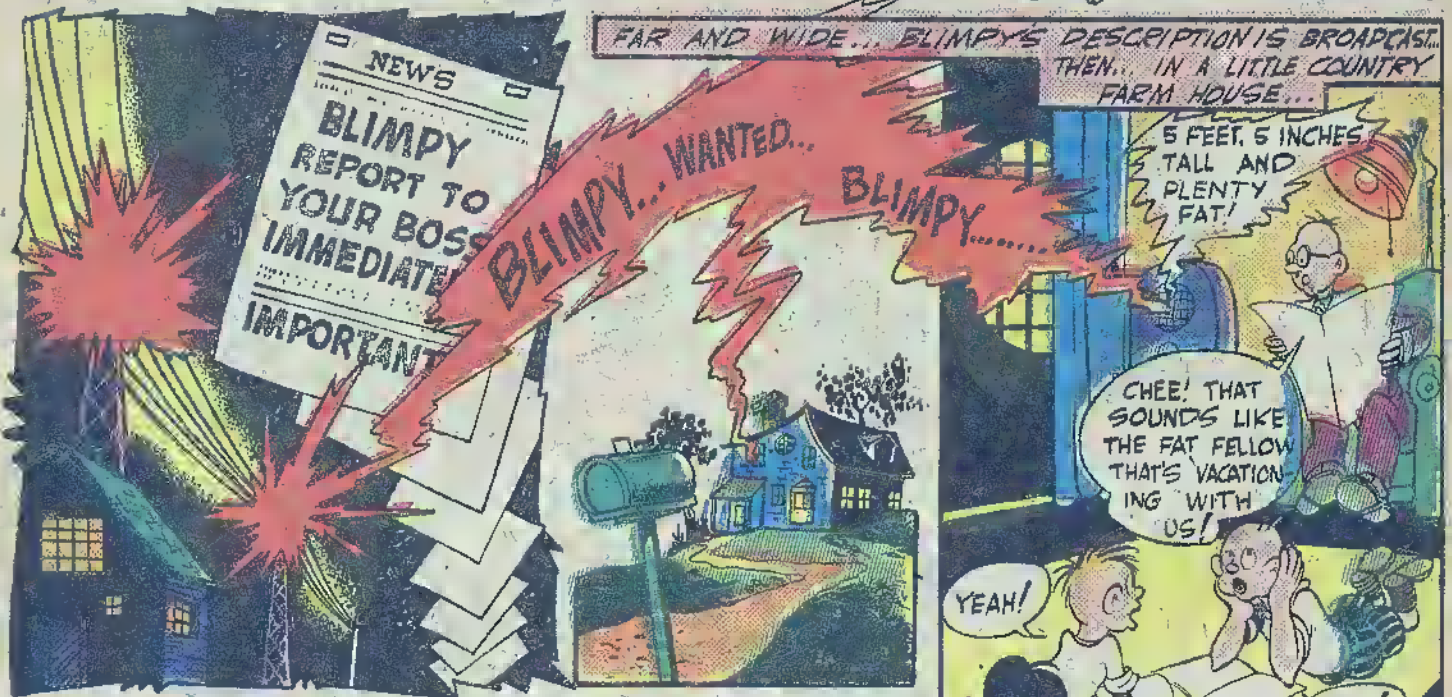
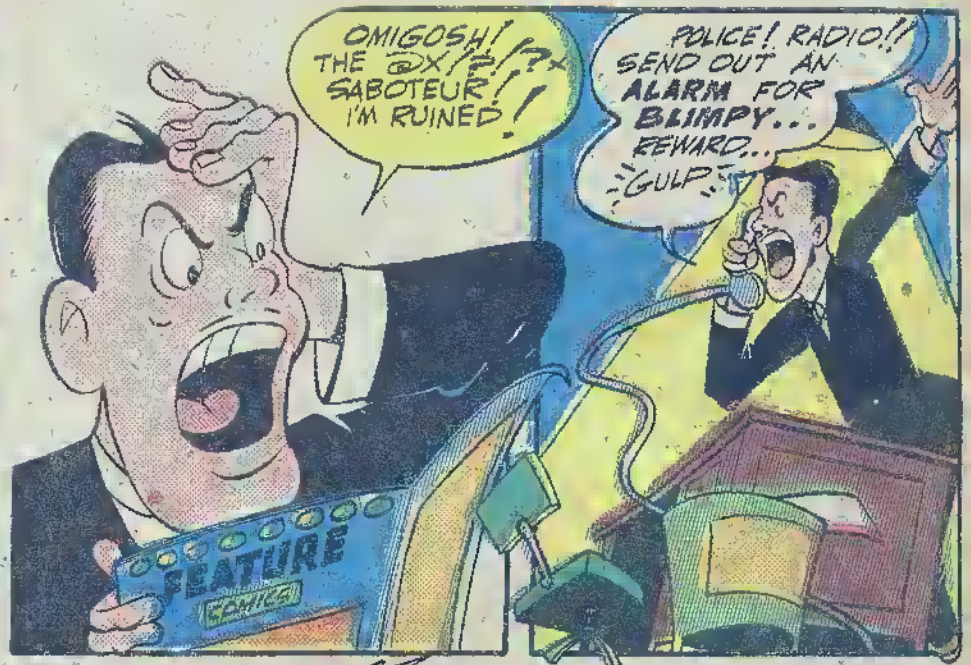
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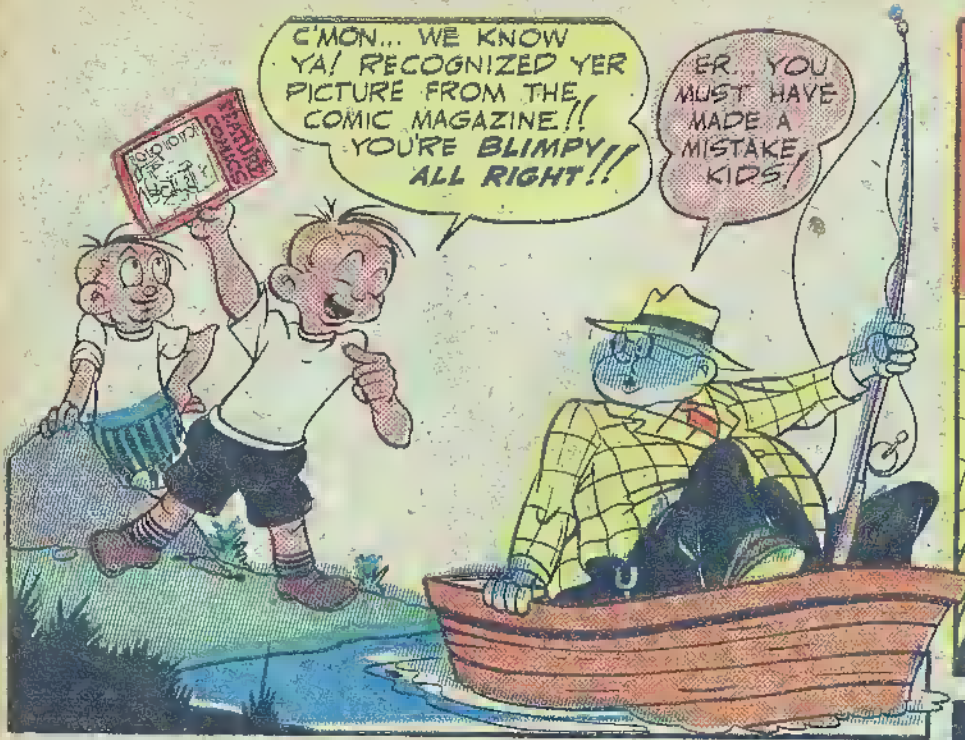


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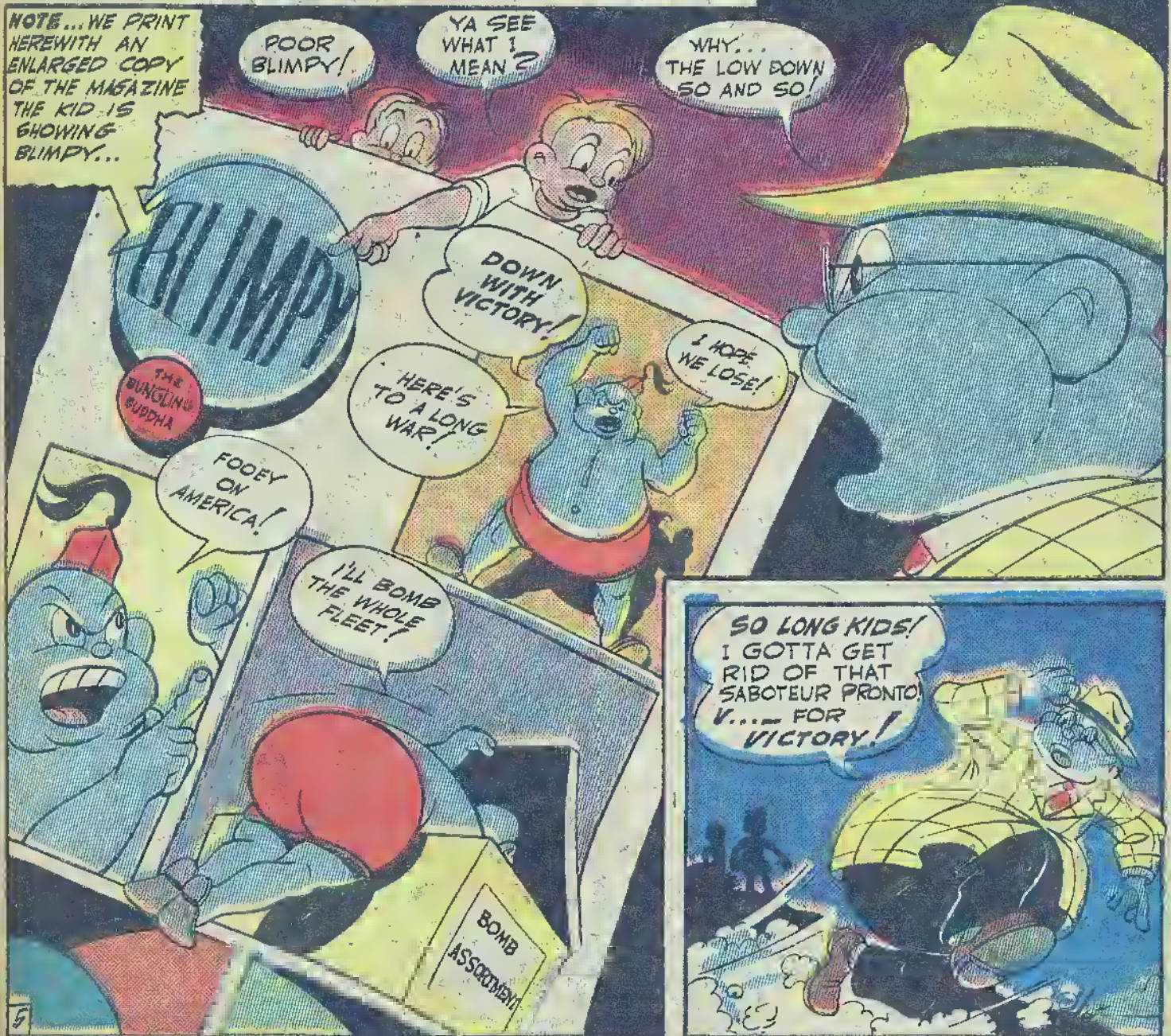


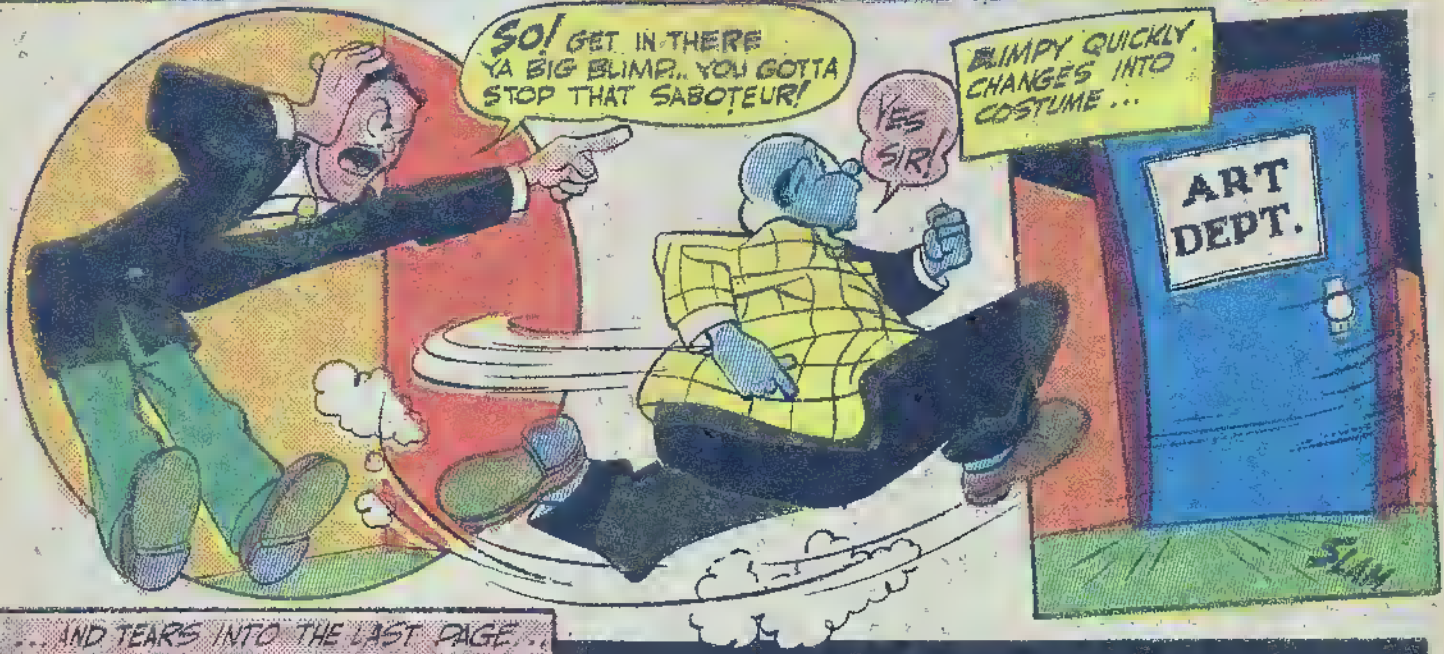




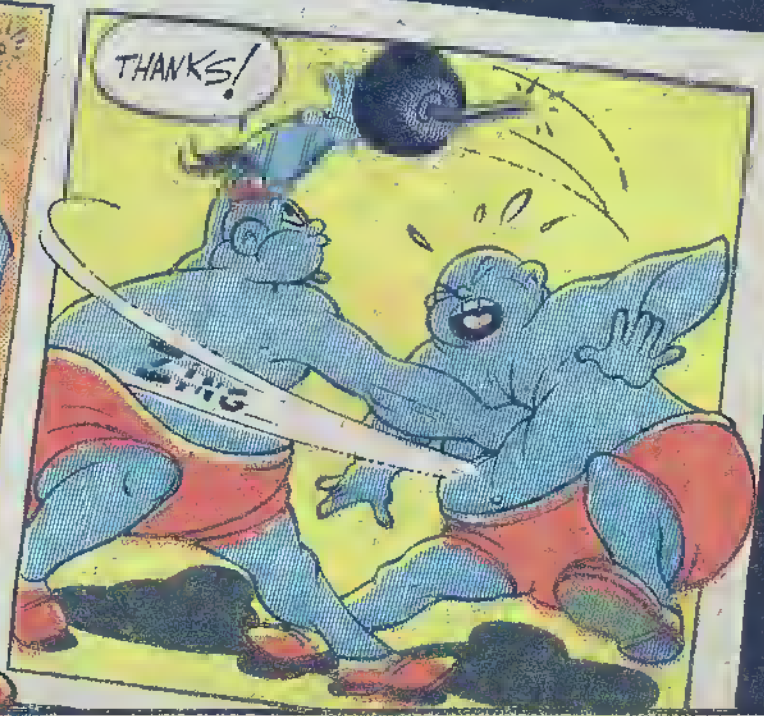


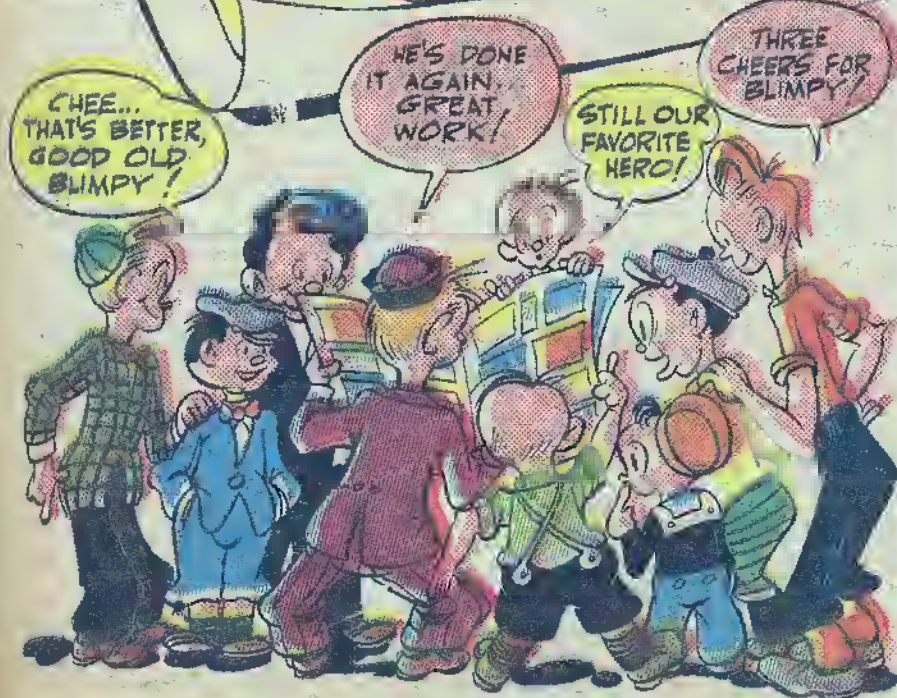
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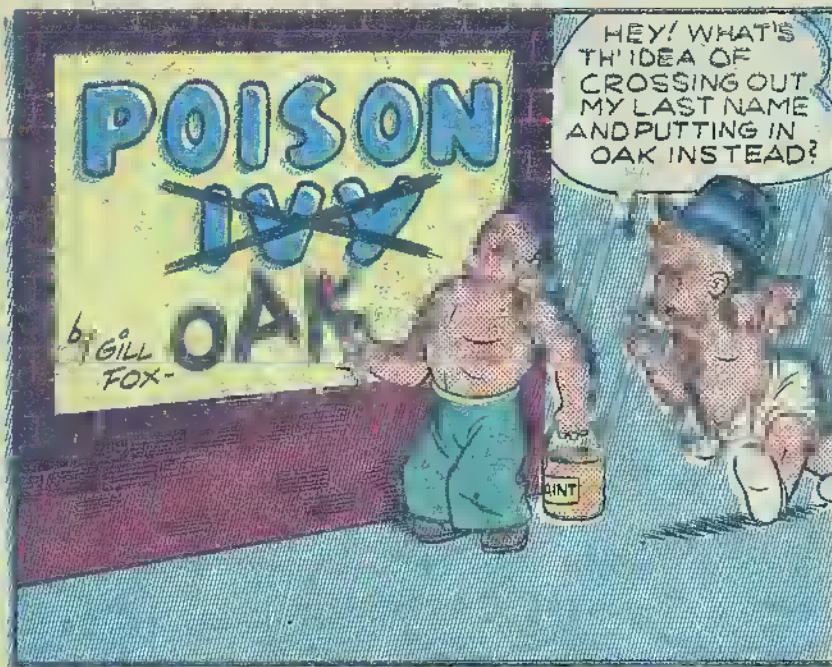




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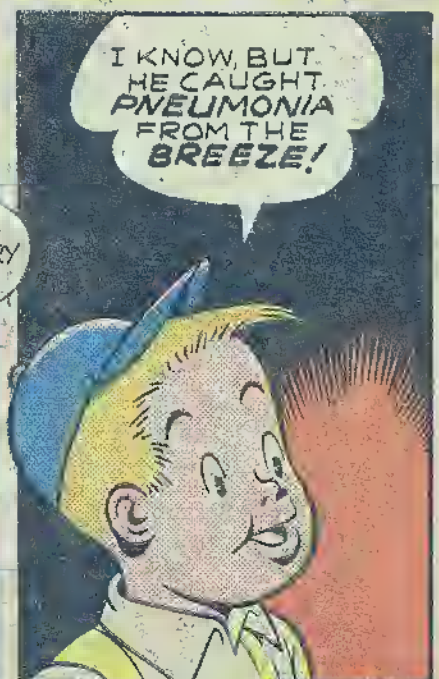
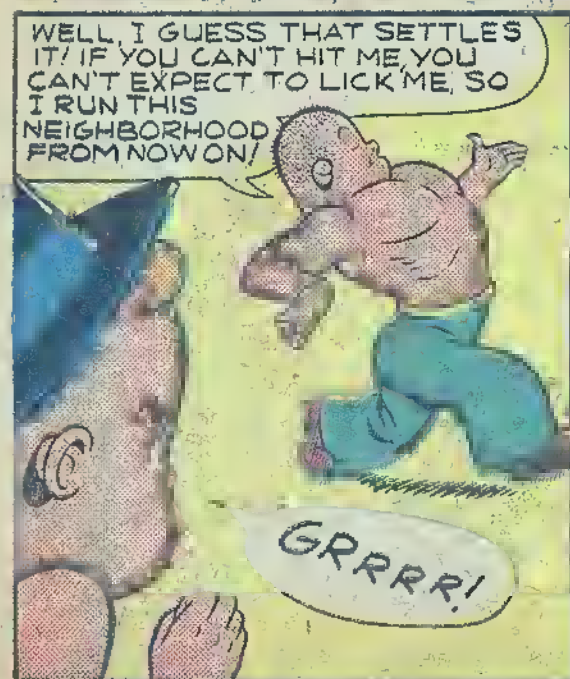
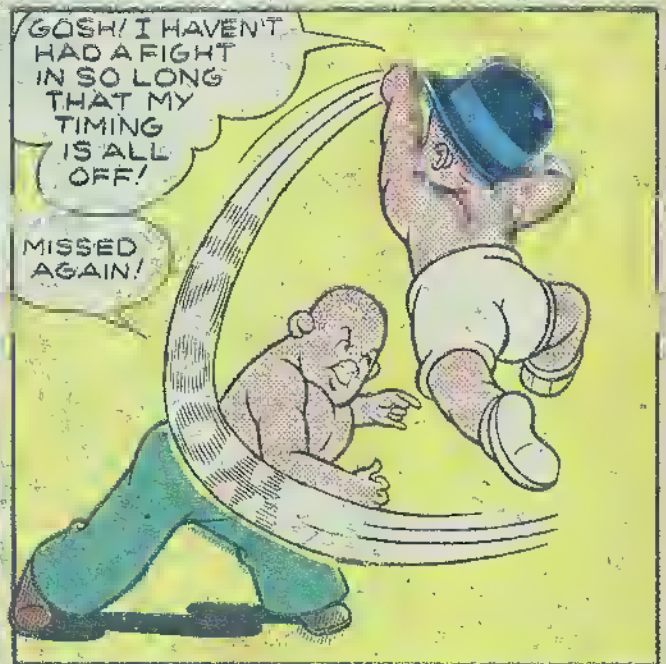
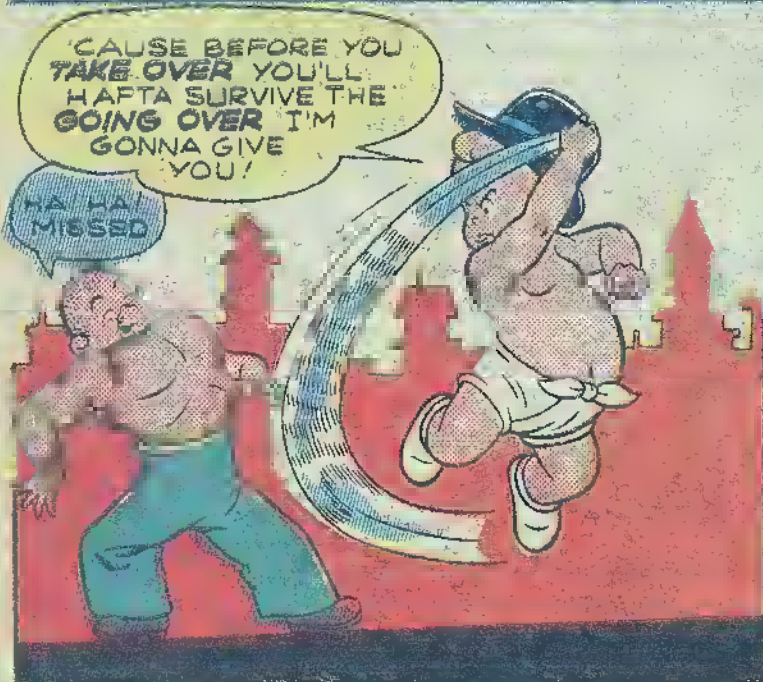




HEY! WHAT'S
TH' IDEA OF
CROSSING OUT
MY LAST NAME
AND PUTTING IN
OAK INSTEAD?

THAT'S MY NAME.. POISON OAK..
"POISON" FOR DANGER AND "OAK"
FOR TOUGH.. GET IT? AND
ANOTHER THING, I'M RUNNING
THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FROM NOW
ON. TAKING OVER.. SEE?

YER WRONG,
BUDDY



SPIDER WIDOW

"A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND" "IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH" ... TWO PROVERBS WHICH HOLD TRUE TODAY!

THE UNDERWORLD HAS BEEN RUNNING RAMPANT SINCE THE SPIDER WIDOW AND PHANTOM LADY HAVE BEEN FEUDING! IS THERE NO ONE WHO CAN BRING THESE TWO COURAGEOUS CRIME-FIGHTERS TOGETHER? THE RAVEN, WHO CAN SOAR LIKE A BIRD, IS GRINNING -- MAYBE HE HAS THE ANSWER!

PEACE... it's Wonderful!



THE HOME OF THE RAVEN, RIGHT-HAND SUPPORT OF DIANNE GRAYTON, BETTER KNOWN AS THE SPIDER WIDOW!

PETITIONS! PETITIONS!... URGING ME TO END THE GIRLS' FEUD!

YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S DANGEROUS TO HAVE TWO CRIME-SMASHERS AT ODDS WITH EACH OTHER! THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH -- AND I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! -- WATCH AND SEE!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

RAVEN!...
I DIDN'T
DO NUTTIN'
--HONEST!

RELAX! I'M
NOT AFTER YOU!
I WANT TO USE
THE ESCAPE-PROOF
CELLAR IN THIS
BUILDING...

YUH MEAN WHERE TH' BOYS
USED T'KNOCK OFF THEIR
RIVALS? SURE, RAVEN,
ANYT'ING FER YOU!
HERE'S TH' KEY
TO TH' DOOR--
IT'S TH' ONLY
WAY OUT!

... THANKS!
I WANT TO PLAY
A LITTLE JOKE ON
SOME FRIENDS
OF MINE!

PHANTOM LADY...
THIS IS THE RAVEN...
COME TO 23
PLATT ST... SPIDER
WIDOW IS IN
DANGER! HURRY!

I'LL BE
RIGHT
AWAY!

...SO I GAVE TH'
KEY TO TH' RAVEN...
IT'S A GOOD CHANCE
TO KNOCK HIM AN' TH'
SPIDER WIDDER OFF!
--BOYS TO
PLATT ST.,
FRANKIE!

THANKS, MONK!
IF I CAN GET
THOSE TWO
OUT MY
HAIR, I CAN
GET THE
ORGANIZA-
TION GOING
AGAIN!

A FEW MORE MINUTES LATER... PHANTOM LADY
ARRIVES AT THE SCENE...

THIS IS THE
PLACE, BUT I DON'T
SEE ANYONE...
GUESS I'LL
GO DOWNSTAIRS!...

Suddenly

GOT HER!
NOW TO PHONE
THE SPIDER
WIDOW...

HE TRAPPED TH'
SPIDER WIDOW!
HOLY MACKEREL!
HE'S TRYIN' T'GIT
RID OF 'ER! THEY
MUSTA HAD A
FALLIN' OUT!

TRAPPED! NOW
WHAT? HOUDINI
COULDN'T GET OUT
OF THIS!

HELLO... HELLO,
DIANNE... THE...
AGHHH...!

RELAX,
BUDDY!
WE DON'T
WANNA
CROWD
HERE!

YOU'RE WRONG, FRANKIE!!...
IT'S PHANTOM LADY!!... AND
YOU'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE!!

AT THE OTHER END OF THE LINE...
DIANNE GRAYTON, BETTER KNOWN
AS THE SPIDER WIDOW...

HELLO! HELLO!...
THAT WAS THE RAVEN!
--HE'S IN TROUBLE!--
IT'S TIME FOR THE SPIDER
WIDOW TO TAKE OVER!...
--TRACE THAT CALL!--

Meanwhile...

THROW HIM
IN THE CELLAR
WITH THE
SPIDER
WIDOW!

THE RAVEN!...
AND HE'S BEEN
SLUGGED!

YOU TWO CAN NOW
DIE A NICE, WET DEATH!
--THAT'S FOR SENDING
MY BROTHER TO
THE CHAIR!

NOBODY EVER KNEW ABOUT
THIS GADGET -- IT FLOODS THE
CELLAR ROOM AND DROWNS
THEM! HAW-HAW!

RAVEN! RAVEN!
HEAR ME? GET UP!
WE'LL DROWN!
RAVEN!

GUESS WE'LL STICK AROUND
AN' SEE THE BODIES! IT WON'T
BE LONG NOW! WHAT A RELIEF
TO GET RID OF THEM! I'LL
HAVE THIS TOWN EATING
OUT OF MY HAND IN
NO TIME!

WATER'S ALMOST TO THE
CEILING! --IF HELP
DOESN'T--COME--SOON--
WE'RE DONE--FOR...
IS THERE NO WAY OUT
OF -- THIS? --



THIS IS ONE PLACE WHERE THE SPIDER WIDOW CAN'T TRY ANY TRICKS! ANOTHER COUPLA MINUTES, AND IT'LL BE ALL OVER ---



THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S GOING TO BE ALL OVER --FOR YOU!!



EEK!
IT--IT'S HER!

SPIDER! WIDOW!!

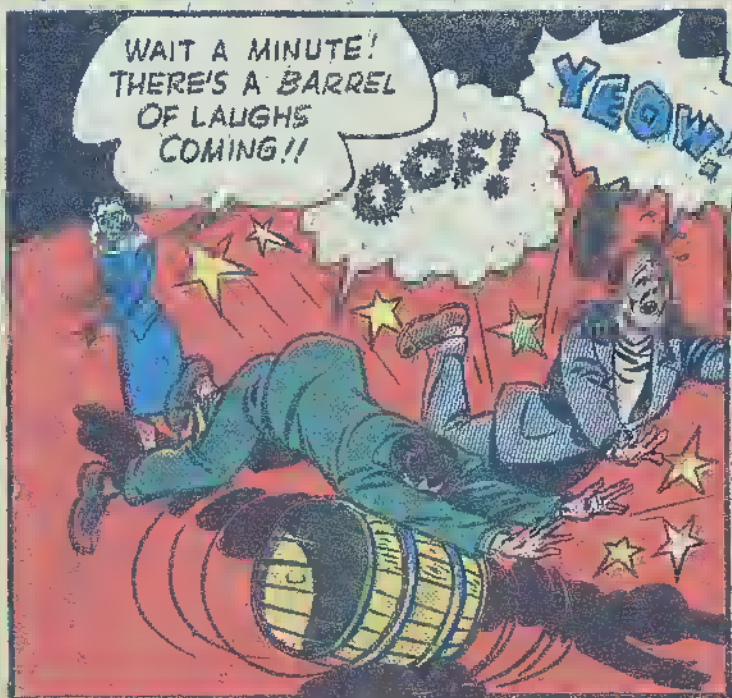
B-BUT YOU C-CAN'T BE!... YOU'RE IN THERE! --AGHHHHHHH--



I'M RIGHT HERE! --FEEL IT?

LEMME OUTTA HERE! SHE'S IN TWO PLACES--

GHOSTS!



WAIT A MINUTE! THERE'S A BARREL OF LAUGHS COMING!!

YEOW!

OOF!



DON'T REACH FOR THAT "HEATER" --BECAUSE I'M COOLING YOU OFF!

BUT... IN THE CELLAR ROOM, **DEATH** IMPATIENTLY WAITS TO CLAIM THE TWO VICTIMS!

⚡GASP!⚡
THIS--IS
IT--⚡GASP!⚡
LOOKS--LIKE
FINAL--
CURTAIN!

I HOPE IT'S
NOT TOO LATE!
THE RAVEN IS
IN THERE--
AND SOMEONE
ELSE...

I'LL SOON
KNOW IF I'M
IN TIME...

PHANTOM LADY!!
WHA--? ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?--
AND THE RAVEN
IS HE..?

YES,
THANKS!
YOU--J--JUST
--MADE
IT!!

WHEN THE RAVEN RECOVERS...

--SO, YOU SEE,
I THOUGHT I COULD
GET YOU TWO TO
END YOUR FEUD--
I DIDN'T THINK
IT WOULD COME
SO CLOSE TO
DISASTER! WHY
DON'T YOU TWO
SHAKE HANDS?

OKAY!
SHE HAS
SAVED
MY LIFE!
I WON'T
EVER
FORGET
THAT!

THE RAVEN IS
RIGHT! WE'VE
BEEN FOOLISH!
WE MUST FIGHT
TOGETHER--
NOT AGAINST,
EACH OTHER!

IF YOU
TWO
STICK
TOGETHER,
YOU'RE
INVINCIBLE!

GOODBYE,
GOOD
FRIENDS!

'BYE,
PHANTOM
LADY!
KEEP UP THE
GOOD
FIGHT!

**MORE OF THE SPIDER
WIDOW IN THE NEXT ISSUE
OF *Feature Comics*!**

FIRE *from the* ENEMY

SEVEN yellow faces, twisted with cunning hate, peered through the dry foliage into the cleared compound. Brown netting hung over the yellow faces and the seven squat figures were likewise clothed in brown—tha better to make them blend into the sere landscape.

Seven rifles slowly raised and at a nod from their leader, the rifles roared. When the smoke had lifted, three bodies lay sprawled near the little mission house.

The seven brown murderers stalked into the open, weapons ready, in case another member of the missionary's family lived and awaited them inside the bamboo building. But there was no other. The kindly Reverend Peter Blaine, his wife, and sixteen-year-old daughter, Patsy, all lay dead there before their beloved mission house.

The Japs spoke among themselves. One of them kicked the dead missionary in the side, grinning, as if he thought some feeling remained. But there was none; he was dead. Shot through the heart. As were the other two innocent victims of war's meaningless viciousness.

The seven Nips ransacked the house for everything valuable, and found nothing except a quantity of American food in cans. This they gratefully stowed in their knapsacks. There were garments, books, and many little mementos which the reverend and his wife had brought from the States eighteen years before. They had never been back. Patsy had been born in the mission house, and knew no other place than Sorambo Island.

Now the good missionary and his family were dead. Beloved

by the Polynesians for miles around, their fame as medical and spiritual doctors was almost legendary. There would be wild sorrow for their passing.

The Japs spent no more than a few minutes on the premises. When they had taken all they wanted, they set fire to the house and marched northward.

The island of Sorambo is large—twenty miles long and six wide. It is densely wooded, the jungle reaching down to the very water's edge all around. The north has broad stretches of marsh and teeming swamp land. Hence, the natives live to the south, where they raise taro and yams and sell copra to the occasional trading vessel that touches during the year. Rev. Blaine's mission had been situated just north of the native area, where the jungle really began in earnest.

Under cover of darkness, General Kochimo had unloaded an entire transport of Jap troops. It was a crack part of a smart division and the Allies had been fearing just such a move and had been on the alert for it. Or thought they had.

The troops bivouaced near the beach, strung out for a mile or more. A heavy thicket ran down close to the water, and back of that, marching in an endless dreary expanse of water and tall reeds, was the swamp. Although the marsh itself never dried up entirely, the grass and reeds were now brown and burned by the intense sun of the tropics.

They would wait here for official information about Allied troop movements; then get into formation to repulse, if possible, the landing of the Marines that were known to be on the way to Sorambo Island.

So as not to tip off their position, the Japs prohibited any fires or lights of any kind, and maintained an almost solid silence. They would be ready to deliver a telling blow against the American raiding forces!

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Perry Scott, young American adventurer with many a hair-raising exploit behind him, was doing Intelligence work for the Government. At the moment his small speedy plane was standing on a strip of beach far to the south of the Japs. Perry was working alone, as he often did, and he knew that there were big things in store on this trek.

The fire which the seven Japs had created burned with great zest for a couple of hours, consuming every evidence of the missionary and his family. His house lay now a dull mass of glowing ashes. The small area of grain and vegetable fields which he had planted were reduced to desolation, and the vegetation around his clearing was gone. The fire had eventually burned itself out where the larger trees began; they were greener, and there had been no wind. A few big logs glowed where punk had ignited along their sides. But soon the fire would be all out. . . .

Perry Scott's plane was a combination amphib and land ship. At about midnight, he took off, heading out to sea. Fifty miles from land he set the ship down and cut the motor. It was very dark and still. He whistled. An answering whistle came across the water. Then a tiny blue light flashed on and off. That was it. He drew a similar flash from his jacket and answered the signal. Soon after that he heard the muffled sound of oars, and then a small

boat drew alongside the plane.

"Hello!" said Perry.

"Hello, Scott! Everything okay?"

"Thus far," Perry said as he climbed into the boat.

"Sorambo occupied as yet?" an ensign asked.

"Can't tell. Probably. And I wouldn't take any chances on landing a party tonight."

The ensign chuckled. "You don't know the Old Man. He's putting a party ashore tonight!"

They were going up the companion which had been lowered for them. Then they were standing on the deck of the Navy destroyer. Capt. Elmer Stem shook hands with Perry.

"Glad to see you again, Scott. You've done several fine jobs for the Navy." In the dim light, Capt. Stem had the look of a born sea dog.

"Thanks," said Perry. "And I'm going to do another. It's this: I'd advise against landing men on Sorambo tonight. The Japs may be there already—"

"The devil take the Nips!" snapped Capt. Stem. "I'm sending in a party and I'm pretty sure the Nips haven't beaten us to the punch."

"Very well," Perry replied. He knew there was no changing the mind of this inflexible officer.

An orderly came up. "Barometer falling, Captain," he repeated. "Any changes?"

"None. Make directly for the island and lay to a half-mile off."

The destroyer got under way, soon after Perry had taken his plane into the air. As Perry flew toward the island, he wished he could make the captain realize the possible danger of

landing men on Sorambo. Not that he—Perry—had any positive information that the enemy had landed; he merely *felt* it.

A few minutes later he set his plane down on the beach near where the Missionary Blaine had lived.

The night was quiet except for the soft lapping of water on the shore and a constant buzz and chirping of insects. There would be no moon for several nights, and that was in the Navy's favor. He dozed, lying beside the plane. . . .

Suddenly he started up with a strange roaring in his ears. A wind had arisen. It was blowing hard out of the south. He remembered that the destroyer's barometer had been falling. Signal for a blow!

But that odd crackling sound—

Fire! He saw it flickering and flashing through the trees inland. A fire on a windy night like this. . . .

Then the distant crack of rifles and drumming chatter of machine-guns reached his ears. The Navy had landed and the Japs had been lying in wait. His hunch had been correct then. How large was the Nip force? Were the sailors able to cope with them?

The facts in the matter were these: General Kochimo's Sorambo force numbered nearly a thousand men—four times as many men as the destroyer crew. Had Capt. Stem's men walked into a trap?

The heavy gunfire was fading in the rapidly-rising wind, and the flames were leaping high. A veritable wall of fire crept across the island, its light turning the darkness into daylight. And the fire was creeping northward—

Perry climbed into the ship and started the engine. Soon he was in the air, heading for the

battle ground. Aloft, he could see that the fire, which must have started up from glowing punk being ignited by the wind, stretched entirely across the island. It raced northward at an amazing clip.

Perry was over the battle zone now. He could see the bursts of gunfire and the tracers streaking in the darkness. As he circled high above the fighters, the forest fire leaped up over a ridge and lighted the scene below. He headed out to sea.

Yes, there it was below—the Japs' transport. It was getting under way. Perry carried two bombs. He let one go. It struck the water some distance from the enemy ship. But his next "egg" plumped directly into the deck of the big boat. A terrific explosion followed. Jap sailors were leaping into the water. The ship was burning. Perry flew back. And now he saw that a powerful foe had put in a hand.

The fire was raging down near the coast, fairly hurtling toward the beach. The Japs were leaping into the sea to escape the terrible heat. The U. S. Navy force—whatever was left of it—was already in the boats and speeding toward the destroyer not far off.

The next morning Perry Scott again stood on the deck of the destroyer, talking with Capt. Stem.

"You were sure right about those Nips getting in ahead of us," said Stem. "But we received few casualties. That fire was a lifesaver."

"What I can't understand," said Perry, "was how the fire got started."

Perry didn't know that seven murderous Japs had set the fire—the fire which eventually destroyed them and many of their countrymen.

Retribution? It could be. They say that "All is fair in love and war." Who knows?

NIPPIE

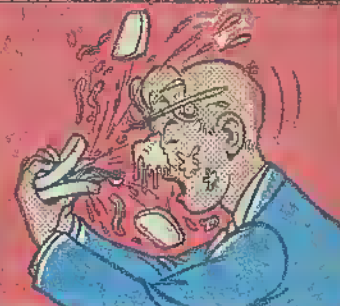
HE'S
OFTEN
WRONG

THAT "FOUR DECKER
SPECIAL" IS A MIGHTY
BIG SANDWICH FOR
A KID LIKE YOU—WHY
NOT TRY A HAM OR—

I TOLD JA
I WANT THE
"FOUR DECKER
SPECIAL!"

YOU'D BETTER
USE YOUR KNIFE
AND FORK,
KID!

LISTEN,
MISTER! YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO TELL ME
HOW TO EAT! I—



MICKEY FINN

By LANK LEONARD

HERE COMES MR. DOOLEY,
UNCLE PHIL—DOES HE
STILL KID YOU FOR
JOINING THE
AUXILIARY POLICE?

YEAH—THE
OLD FOOL! HE
CAN'T SEEM TO
REALIZE THAT
WE'VE ALL GOT TO
BE READY FOR AN
EMERGENCY THESE
DAYS!

I HEAR YOU'VE TAKEN
UP FIRST AID, PHIL—
HA! HA! ARE YOU
THINKING OF
BECOMING A
DOCTOR AS WELL
AS A COP?

NO, DOOLEY! BUT
FIRST AID IS SOMETHIN'
THAT EVERYBODY
SHOULD KNOW SOMETHIN'
ABOUT RIGHT NOW!
AND I'M INCLUDIN'
YOU!

POPPYCOCK! NOTHING IS
GOING TO HAPPEN AROUND
HERE! AND MY TIME IS TOO
VALUABLE TO WASTE IT
LEARNING THINGS
I'LL NEVER—

GRANDPA!
GRANDPA!

W-WHAT'S THE
MATTER,
JULIE?

IT'S JOSEPH!
HE FELL
OUT OF
THE TREE!

B-BUT I'M HIS
GRANDFATHER!
I-I'VE GOT TO
GET HIM TO A
DOCTOR!

WE'LL GET HIM TO
A DOCTOR—BUT
THERE'S SOME THINGS
TO BE DONE FIRST!

HIS ARM IS
BROKEN AND HE
HAS A FRACTURED
COLLAR BONE!
WE'VE GOT TO GET
HIM TO A HOSPITAL,
MICKEY!

YOU FIX HIM UP SO
HE CAN BE MOVED!
I'LL GO OUT TO THE
STREET AND STOP
SOME CAR!

RUN INTO THE HOUSE AND
GET SOME BLANKETS!
HE'S SUFFERING FROM
SHOCK AND MUST BE
KEPT WARM! AND BRING
A SHEET—I'LL NEED IT
FOR
BANDAGES

NOW TAKE ONE OF
THOSE BLINDS OFF THE
HOUSE! IT'LL SERVE AS
A STRETCHER! HE'S GOT
TO BE MOVED VERY
CAREFULLY!

WATCH IT,
MICKEY!
WATCH IT!

OKAY!

H-HE'LL BE
ALL R-RIGHT,
D-DOCTOR?

YES! BUT IT WAS INDEED
FORTUNATE THAT YOU
MEN KNEW WHAT TO DO
—AND LOST NO TIME
IN DOING IT!

WELL, UNCLE PHIL—
I GUESS WE
CAN START FOR
HOME!

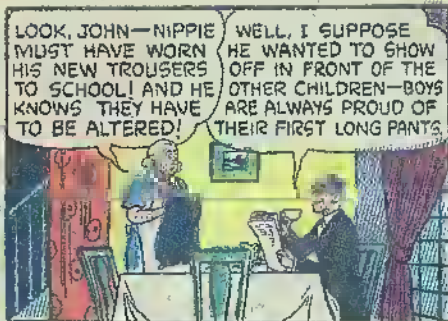
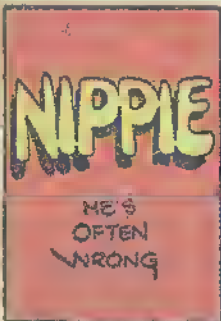
YES!

PHIL—JUST
A MINUTE—
PLEASE!

WE HAVE CLASSES IN
FIRST AID EVERY NIGHT,
MR. DOOLEY—WHAT
NIGHT WOULD BE
MOST CONVENIENT
FOR YOU?

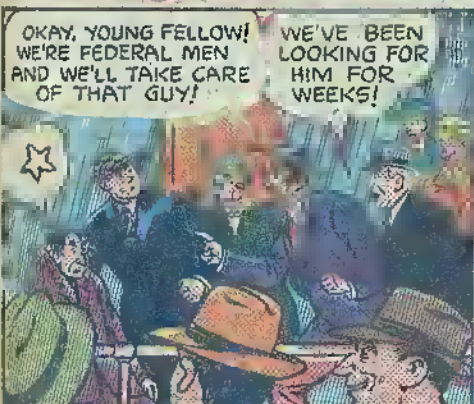
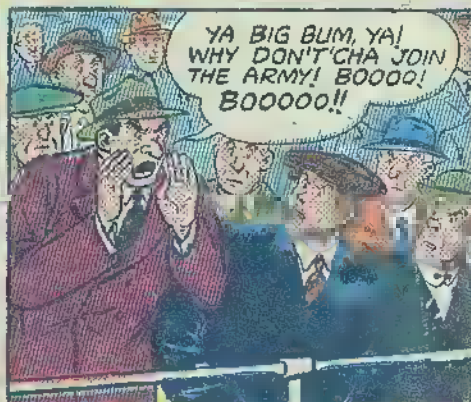
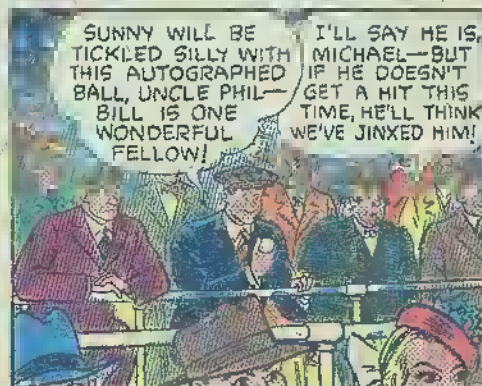
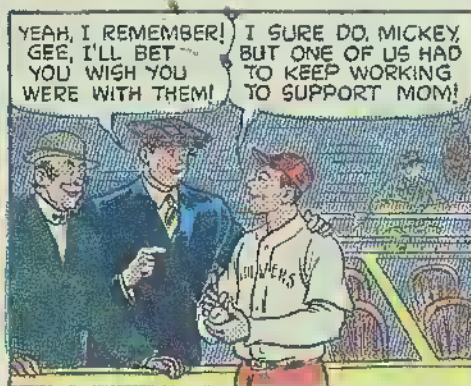
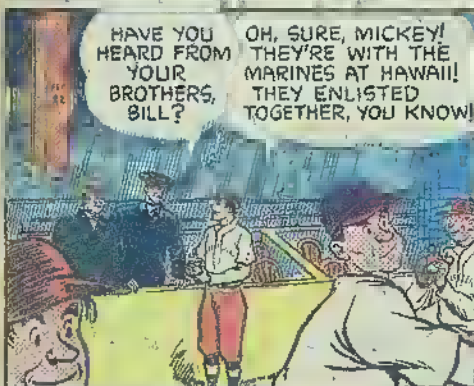
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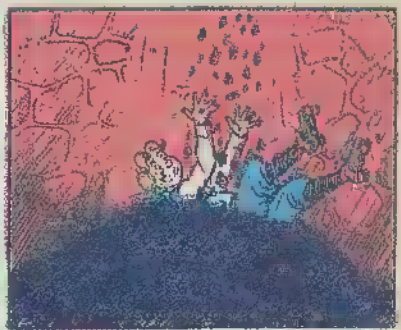
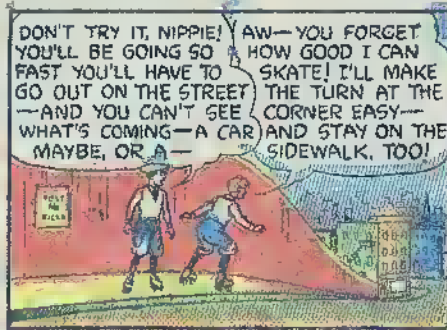
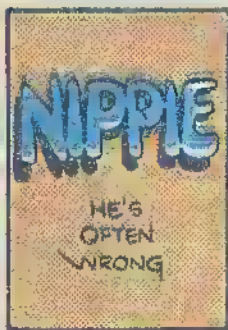
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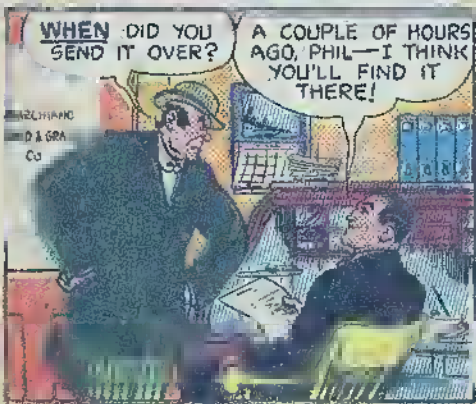
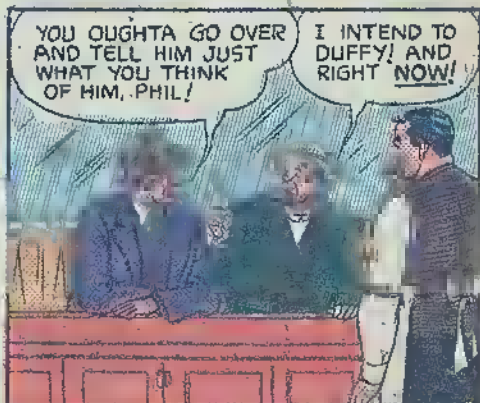
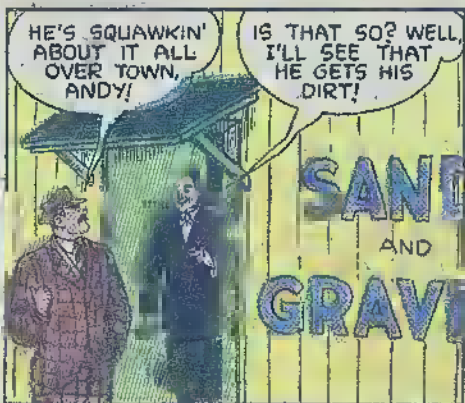
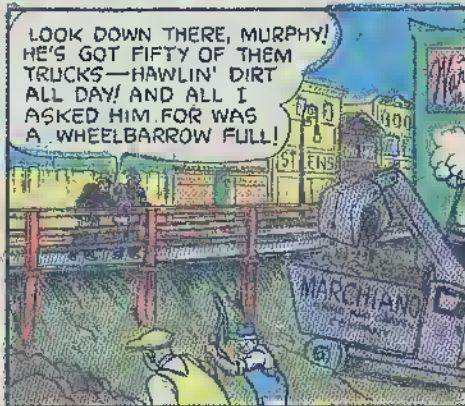
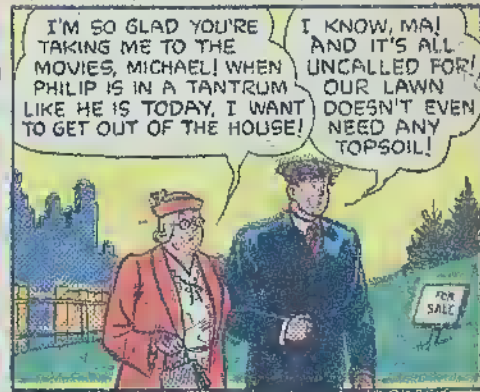
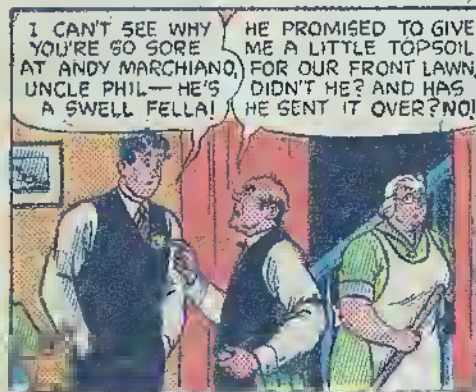
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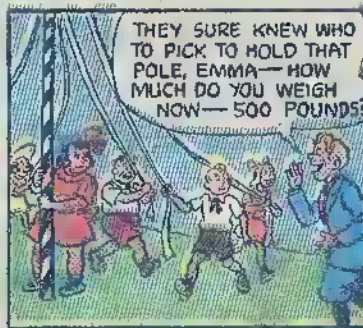
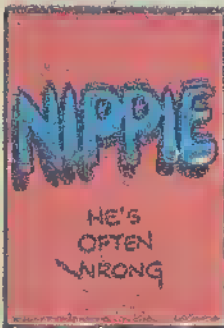




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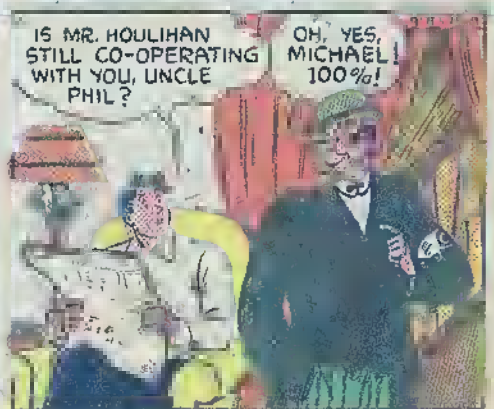
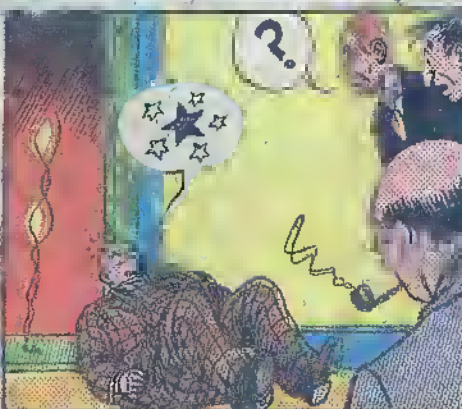
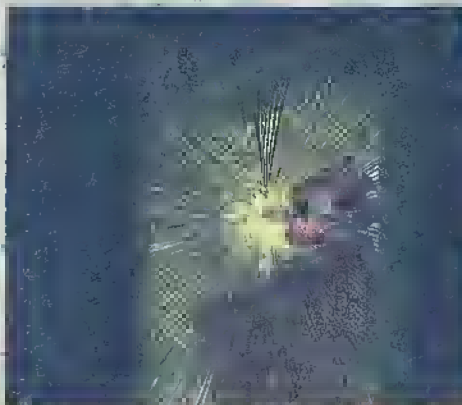
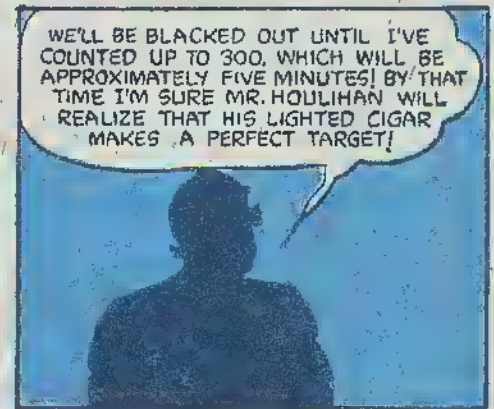
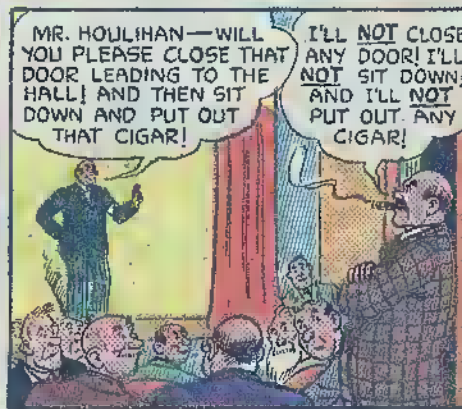
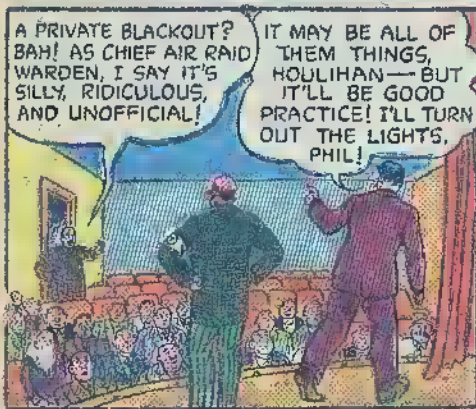
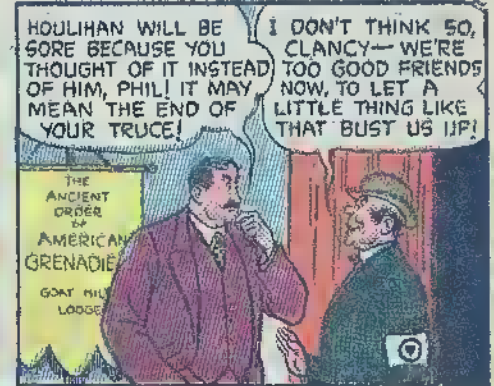
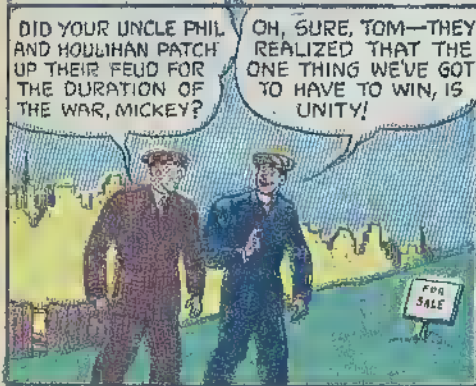
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INFERIOR MAN

by AL SEATH

Weather Report

BIG BREEZE
UNDER WAY...
HOLD ON TO
YOUR HATS
KIDS!

I'M THE GUY TO
BLAME, FOLKS
WINDY LITTLE
DEVIL
AIN'T I!

Swoosh

...AN WHEN I GO
INTO MY **TORNADO**
WHIRL, BOY,
CAN I GET
YOU
PEOPLE
ON THE
RUN!

HEY,
WAIT A
MINUTE!

WHAT'S THAT!
WHO DARES TO
DEFY **ME** - THE
GOD OF BREEZE!

I DO!
YA BIG
BAG OF
WIND!

WHO?

IT'S
ME...

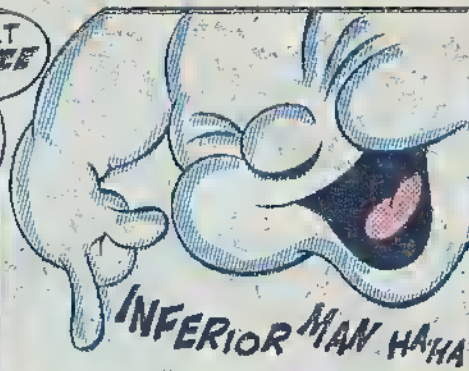
...INFERIOR MAN...
YOU OUGHTA KNOW
BETTER THAN THAT...
MAKING PUBLIC **WEATHER**
REPORTS... IT'S
A **MILITARY**
SECRET!

NOW - **BLOW**
YOUR TOP - YOU
WINDY
SABOTEUR!

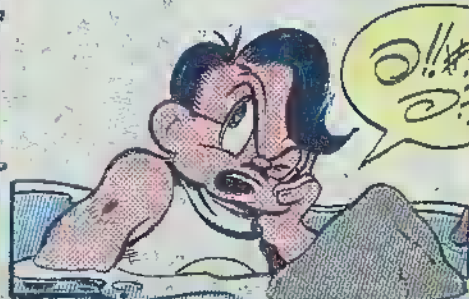
HE-E-CHOO!



HA-HA-WHAT
A LITTLE SNEEZE
FROM A BIG
BREEZE
WILL DO!



INFERIOR MAN HA-HA



Oh! Oh!
Oh! Oh!



LATER THAT NIGHT...

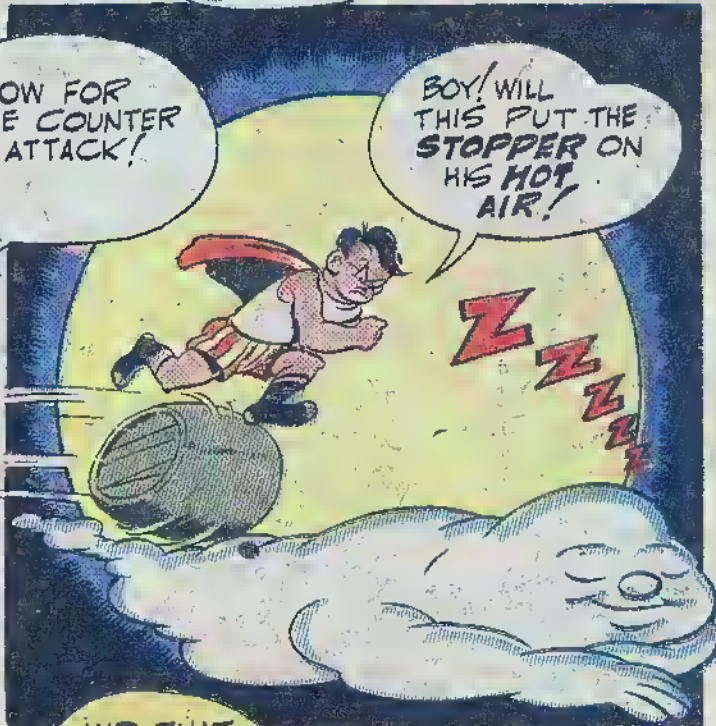
THERE MUST
BE A WAY OF
DEFLATING
HIS EGO!



HA ♪ ROLL OUT THE BARRELS!
♪ I'LL HAVE A BARREL
OF FUN! ♪

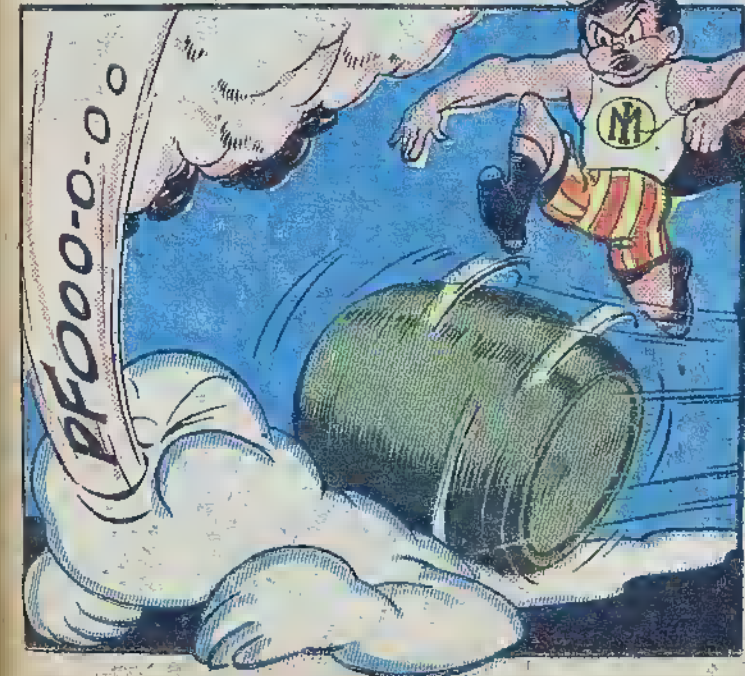


NOW FOR
THE COUNTER
ATTACK!



BOY! WILL
THIS PUT THE
STOPPER ON
HIS HOT
AIR!

Z Z Z Z Z



AND THAT
FLATTENS
ANOTHER
SABOTEUR!

Weather
Report
NO WIND
TODAY, BUT
THAT'S ALL
WE CAN
TELL!



STRANDED ON AN ISLAND, somewhere in the South Pacific is the roughest, toughest bunch of kids who ever took it upon themselves to take a slap at the Axis! .. **THE BOYVILLE BRIGADIERS!** There were six to start with ... but in their adventures they picked up two more... **ALABABA**, the "convincingest" man in the world... and **PIERPONT LEE**, the nosiest!

ER... PIERPONT, MY CHUM ... **RUSTY** SAID WE HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SOME KIND OF A BOAT TO GET US OFF THIS ISLAND, NOW THAT WE'VE CLEANED UP THE JAPS! SEEN ANYTHING THUT'L IS?

WALL-LLLL-L-L, MISTAH ALABABA... AH KINDA **LIKES** IT HEAH IN TH' SHADE... SO AH AIN'T BEEN LOOKIN' VERY HARD!

RUSTY

KHAN

and The
**BOYVILLE
BRIGADIERS!**

BY
PAUL GUSTAVSON



AH YES ... THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A BREEZE COMING ACROSS THE PACIFIC! IT'S SO PEACEFUL HERE, YOU'D NEVER THINK THERE WAS A WAR GOING ON ALL AROUND US!



WELL, THERE IS!

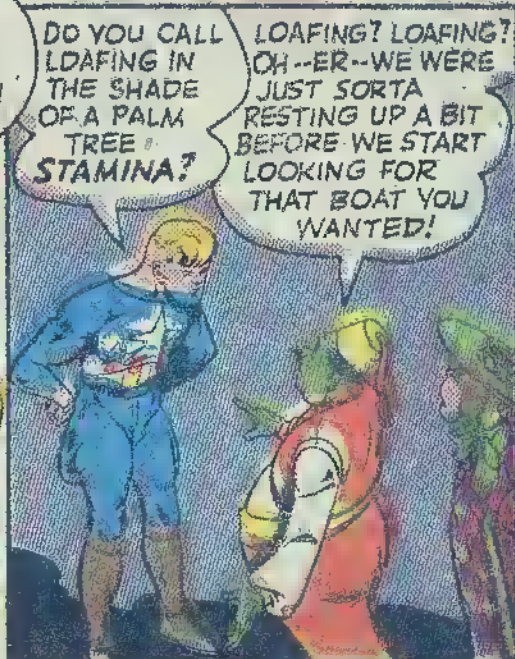
GLURP! RUSTY! THERE IS? ... I MEAN THERE IS!



AND WE'RE IN IT TOOTH AN' NAIL! WE'LL DRIVE THOSE BLASTED AXIS BUMS INTO THE SEA! ... FOOD FOR THE SHARKS!

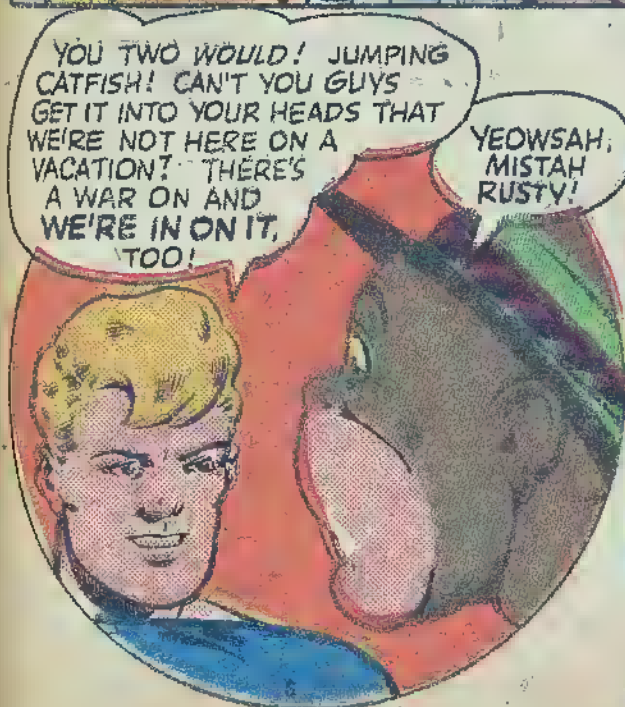
GOON, IT SOUNDS GOOD!

MY BOY! ... WITH OUR STAMINA, NOTHING CAN STOP US!



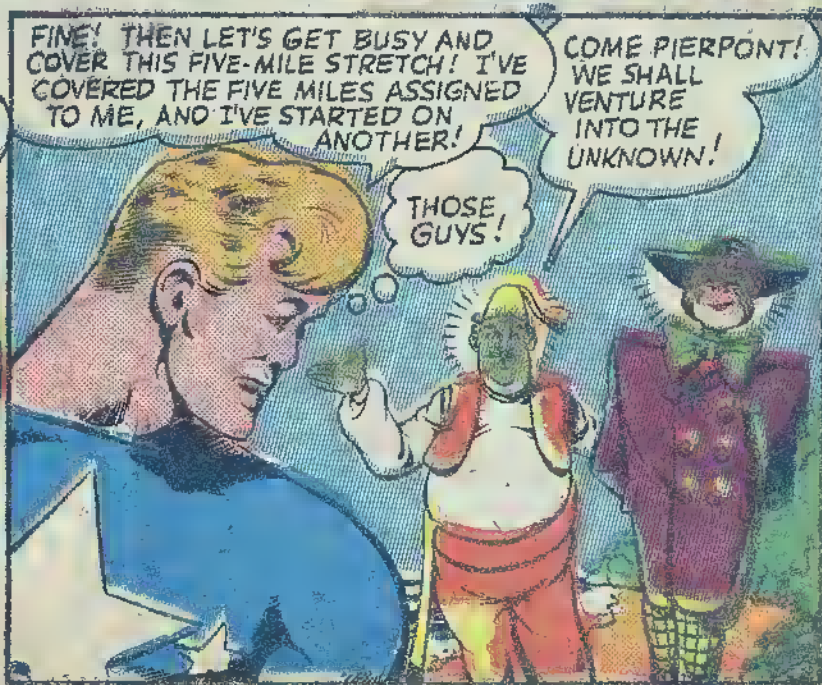
DO YOU CALL LOAFING IN THE SHADE OF A PALM TREE! STAMINA?

LOAFING? LOAFING? OH--ER--WE WERE JUST SORTA RESTING UP A BIT BEFORE WE START LOOKING FOR THAT BOAT YOU WANTED!



YOU TWO WOULD! JUMPING CATFISH! CAN'T YOU GUYS GET IT INTO YOUR HEADS THAT WE'RE NOT HERE ON A VACATION? THERE'S A WAR ON AND WE'RE IN ON IT, TOO!

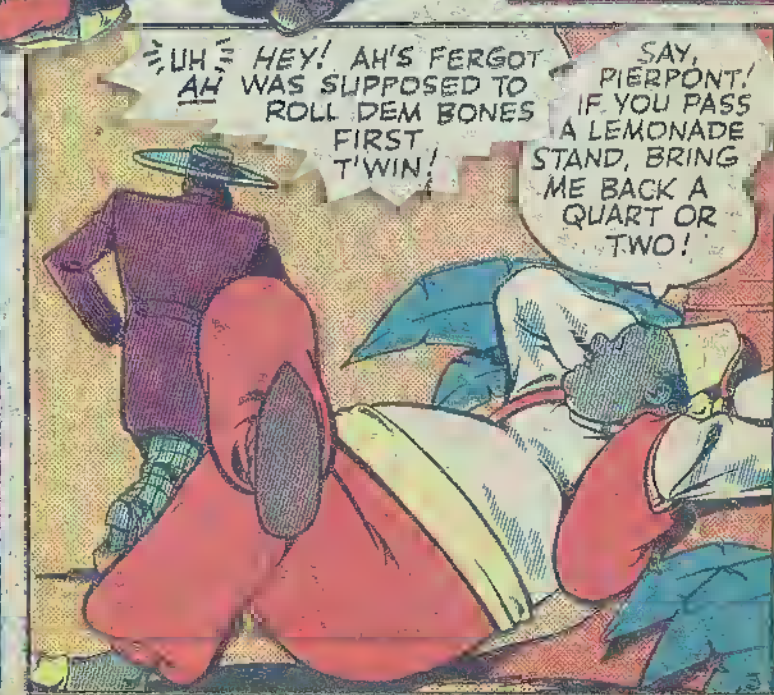
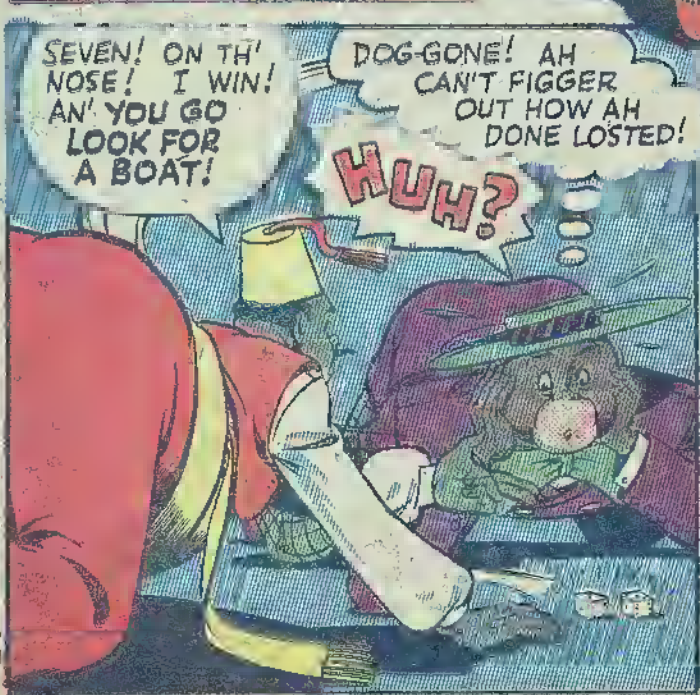
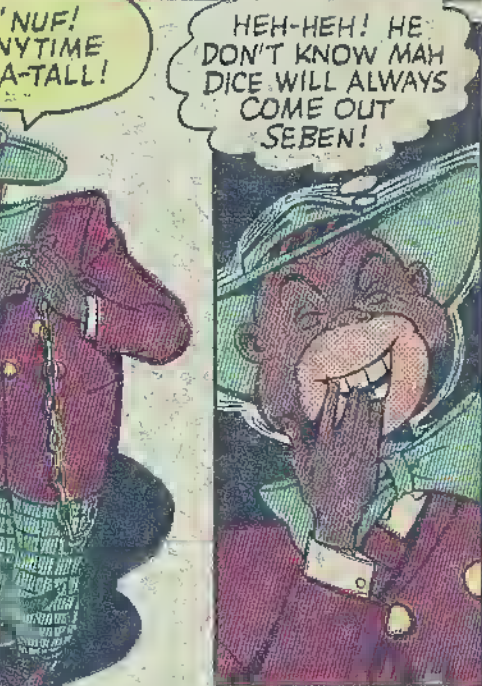
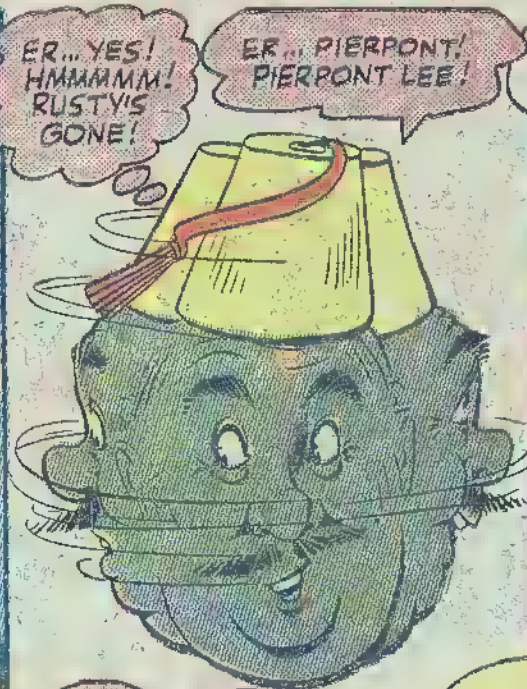
YEOWSAH, MISTAH RUSTY!

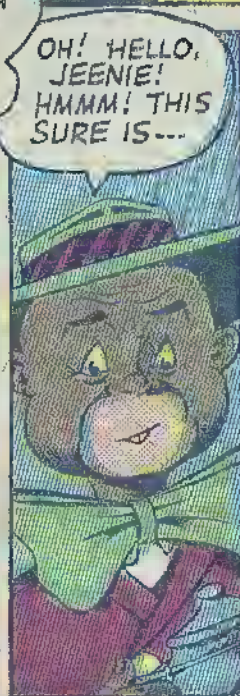
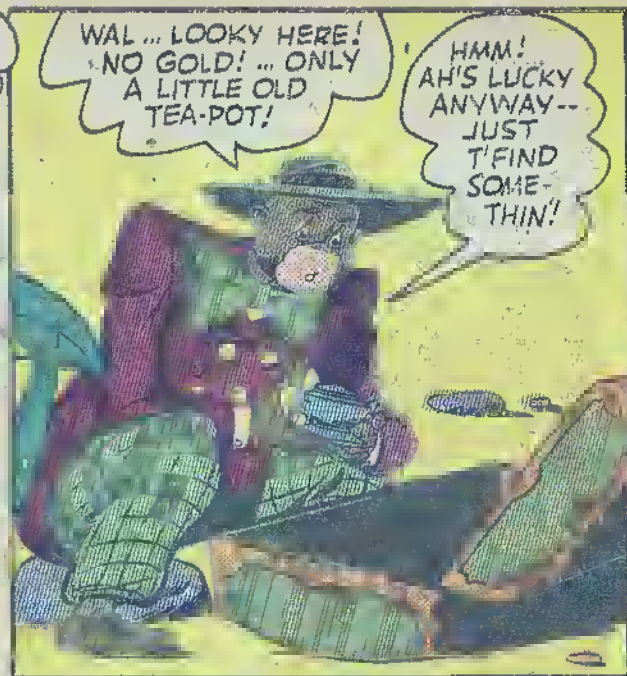


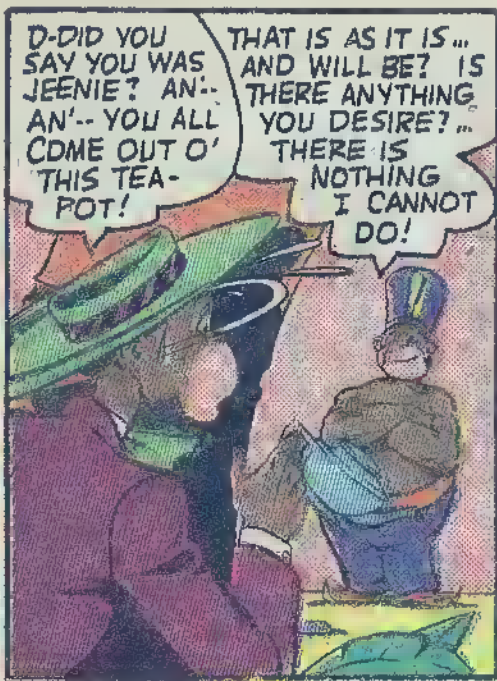
FINE! THEN LET'S GET BUSY AND COVER THIS FIVE-MILE STRETCH! I'VE COVERED THE FIVE MILES ASSIGNED TO ME, AND I'VE STARTED ON ANOTHER!

COME PIERPONT! WE SHALL VENTURE INTO THE UNKNOWN!

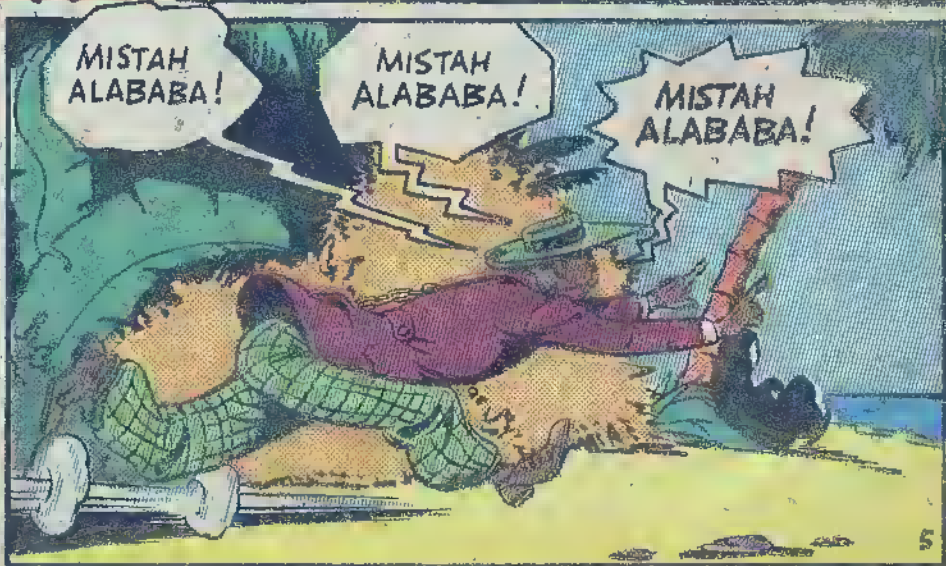
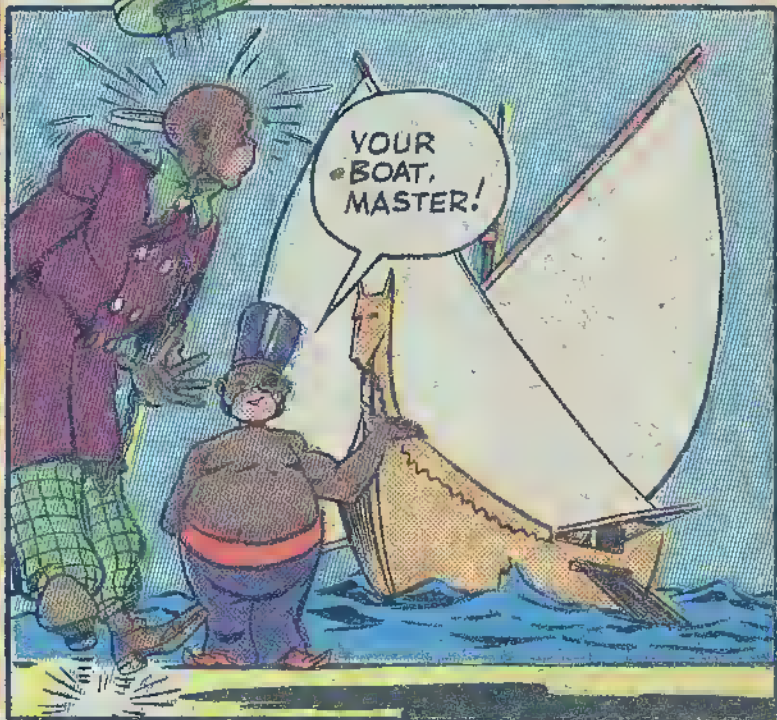
THOSE GUYS!

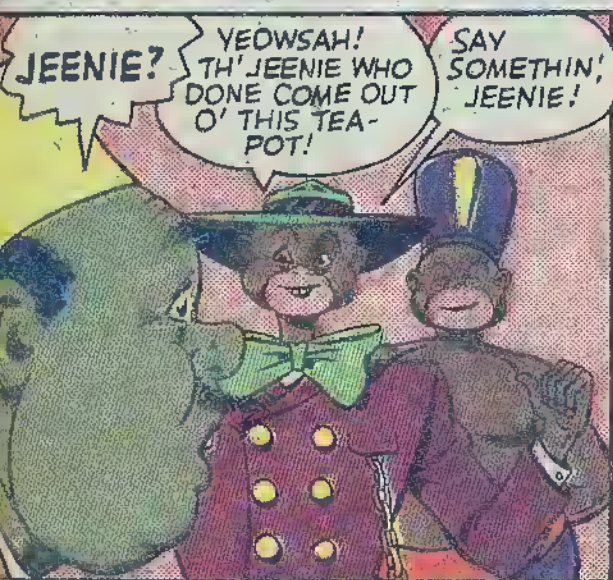
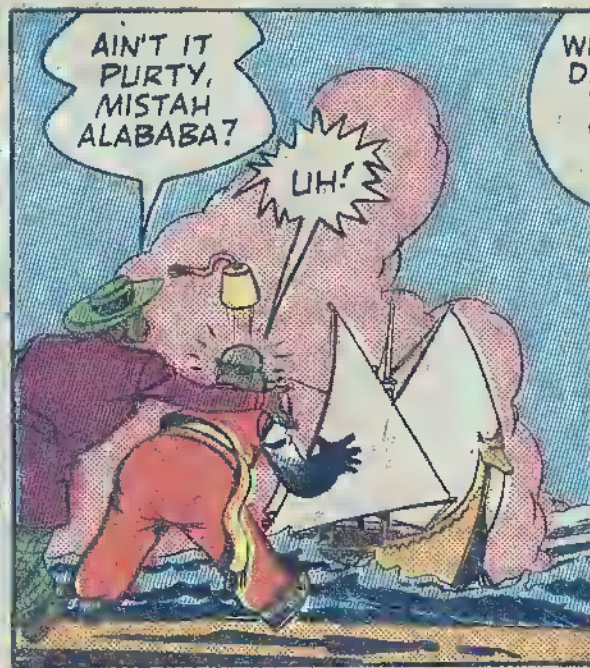


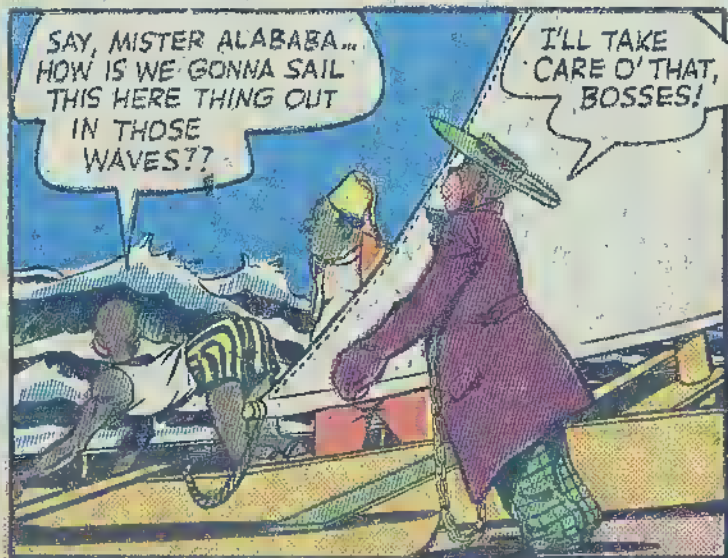
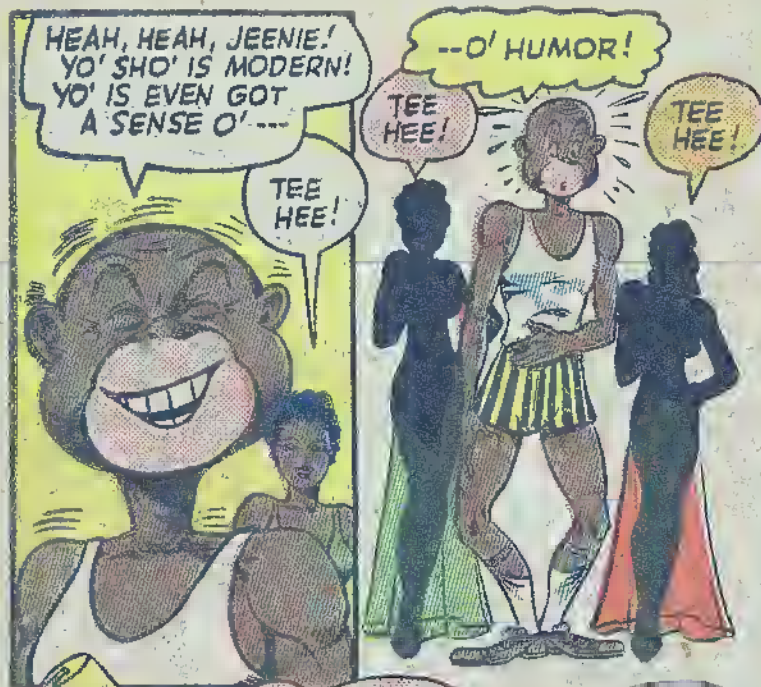


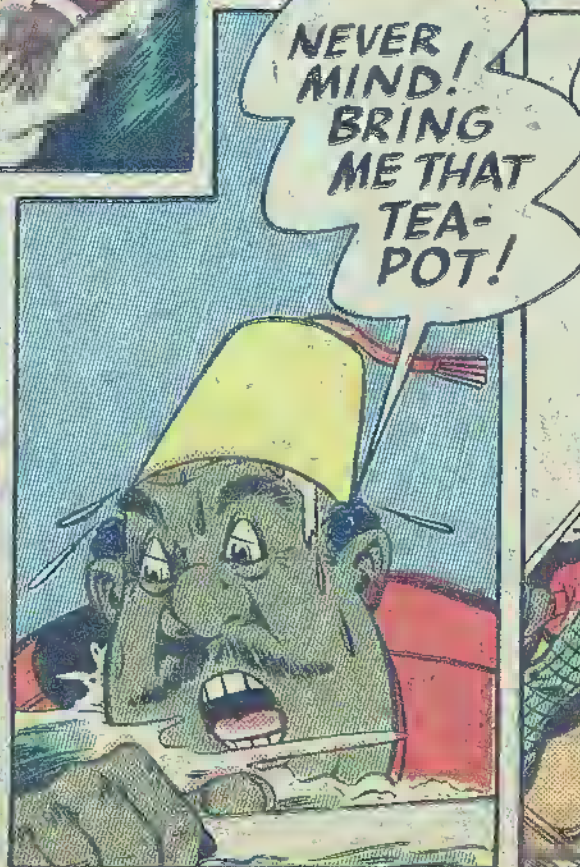
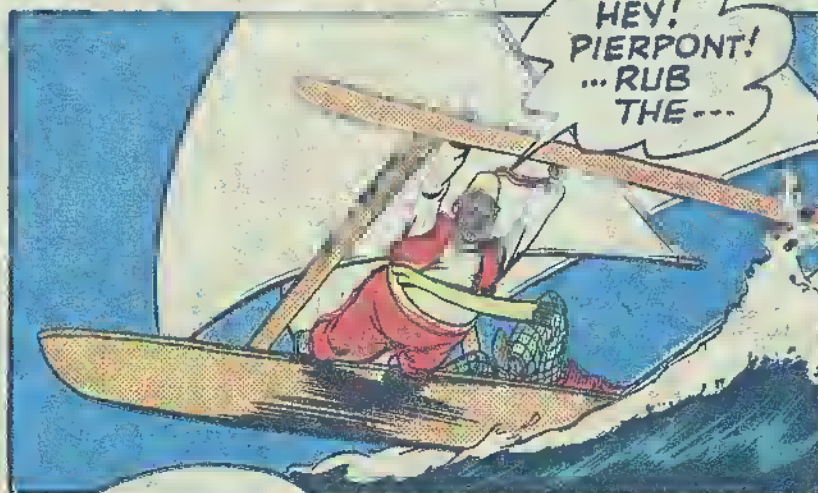
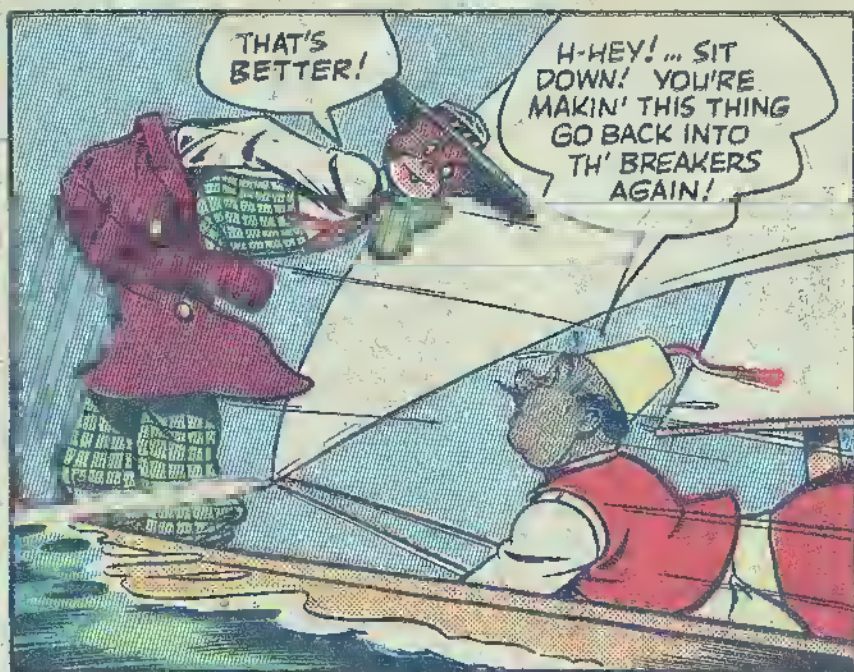
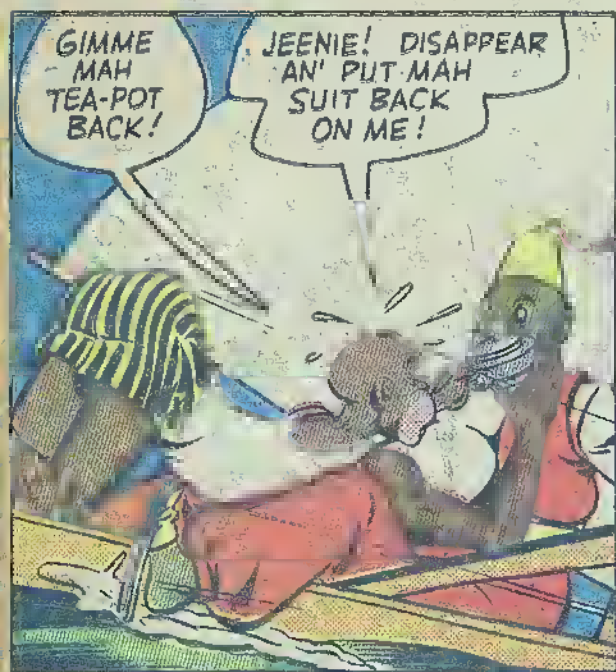


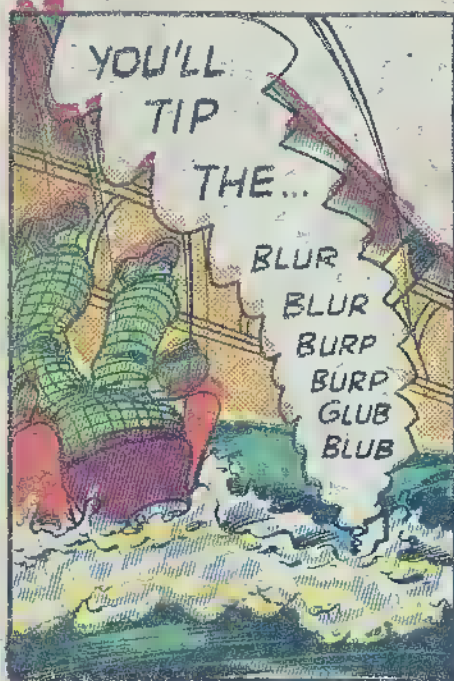
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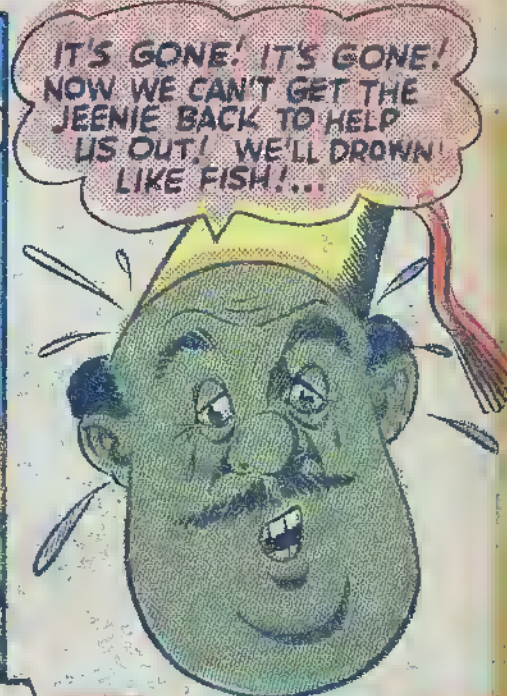
YOU'LL
TIP
THE...

BLUR
BLUR
BURP
BURP
GLUB
BLUB

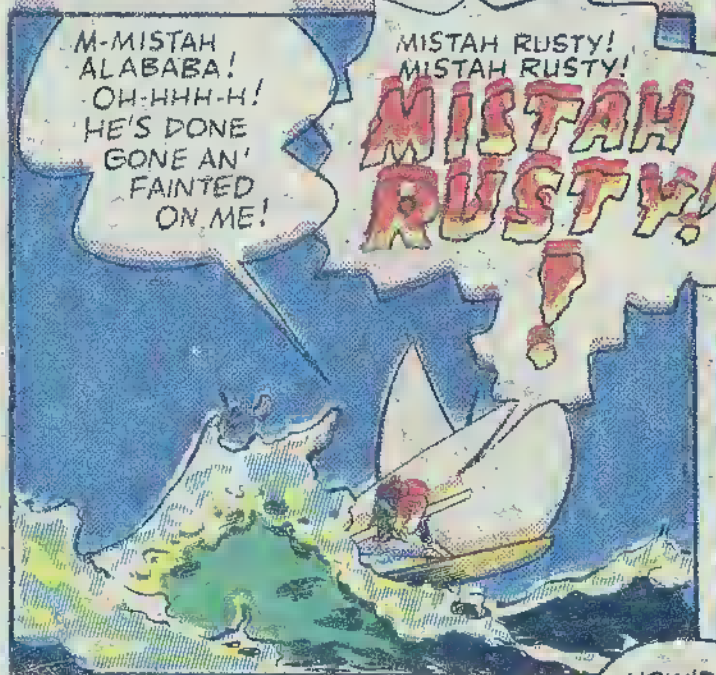


I HOPE
YOU'RE SATISFIED!
C'MON! GIMME
THAT TEA-POT!

H-HERE
IT IS,
MISTAH
ALABABA--
HUH!



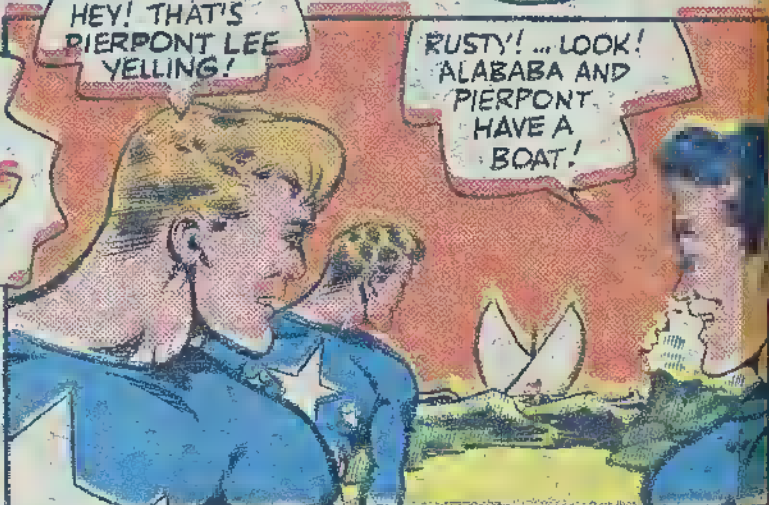
IT'S GONE! IT'S GONE!
NOW WE CAN'T GET THE
JEENIE BACK TO HELP
US OUT! WE'LL DROWN
LIKE FISH!...



M-MISTAH
ALABABA!
OH-HHH-H!
HE'S DONE
GONE AN'
FAINTED
ON ME!

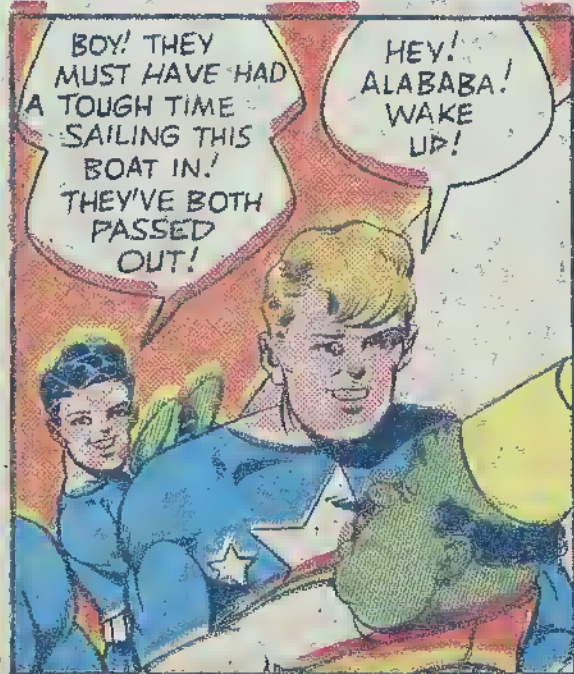
MISTAH RUSTY!
MISTAH RUSTY!

**MISTAH
RUSTY!**



HEY! THAT'S
PIERPONT LEE
YELLING!

RUSTY! ...LOOK!
ALABABA AND
PIERPONT
HAVE A
BOAT!



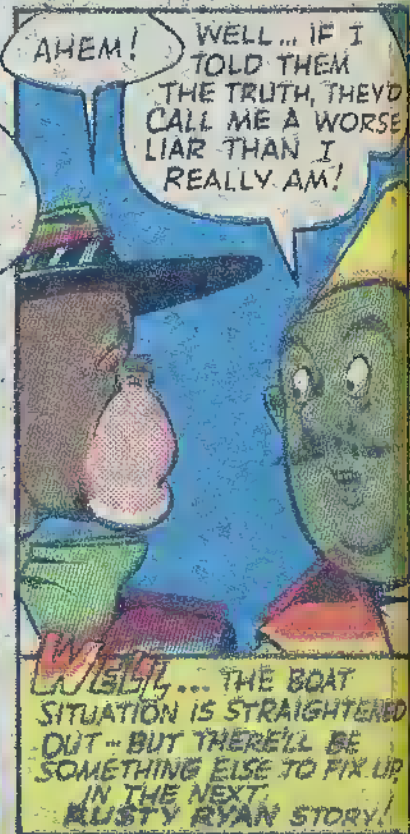
BOY! THEY
MUST HAVE HAD
A TOUGH TIME
SAILING THIS
BOAT IN!
THEY'VE BOTH
PASSED
OUT!

HEY!
ALABABA!
WAKE
UP!

HOW'D
YOU GET
THE BOAT?
C'MON!...
TELL!

HUH? OHH...
ER--

PIERPONT
AND I WERE
ATTACKED BY A
HUNDRED HEAD
HUNTERS IN BOATS
LIKE THIS AND--



AHEM!
WELL... IF I
TOLD THEM
THE TRUTH, THEY'D
CALL ME A WORSE
LIAR THAN I
REALLY AM!

WELL... THE BOAT
SITUATION IS STRAIGHTENED
OUT-- BUT THERE'LL BE
SOMETHING ELSE TO FIX UP
IN THE NEXT
RUSTY RYAN STORY!

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